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Dear Parents and Guardians,

***Children who do not read over the summer tend to lose literacy skills while children who do read during the summer actually improve their reading ability. Summer learning losses accumulate over several years and are an important contributor to the achievement gap.***

Summer reading for the incoming 7th and 8th graders at West Rocks Middle School was introduced through an assembly with the Norwalk Public Library in June promoting the *2019 Summer Reading Challenge*.

West Rocks Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

**Students must read a minimum of three books before the start of next school year – preferably from the library’s attached middle school book list.**

**Students will need to provide the title and author of each book, and they will be required *to write a formal essay in ELA class analyzing at least one* during the first week of school. This will be a grade in Q1.**

Please find Norwalk Public Library’s middle school book list attached.

Thank you, and have a great summer!

West Rocks English Language Arts Department and Adam Reynolds