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The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District
Grand Avenue Middle School
Summer Reading Program

June, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming 8th Grade Students:

We are pleased to present the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Summer Reading Program for Grand Avenue Middle School! Summer should be filled with joyful times, and we hope that reading will be an important part of your child's summer plans. We have included a suggested reading list from which you and your child should select a book. While all of the books on the list have literary merit, some may be suitable for more mature students. We urge you, therefore, to carefully review the list to help your son or daughter make a selection that is appropriate based upon his or her interests, reading level, and maturity. To assist students in making their book selections, our GrandREADS website (<http://grandreads.weebly.com>) will feature short summaries of these recommended titles. Students who are having difficulty choosing a book should ask their teachers, our Library Media Specialist Ms. Beleckas, or our English Chairperson Ms. Donnelly for help.

Eighth Grade

Albom, Mitch. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

Draper, Sharon. *Stella by Starlight*

Gratz, Alan. *Refugee*

Horowitz, Anthony. *Stormbreaker*

Lupica, Mike. *The Batboy*

Vail, Rachel. *Unfriended*

Zusak, Markus. *The Book Thief*

****or choose your own text***

*In an effort to help children forge meaningful connections with their reading selections, we have included an alternative option for students who wish to read a text of their own. We ask that the selected text be of equal literary merit (a text written for teens or young adults) and appropriate for discussion in the classroom context. All students will be asked to reflect on their summer reading selections when class begins in September.

Enjoy the summer with a good book!

