

June 6, 2023

Dear Families of BSD Middle School Students,

We are excited to share that our ELA middle school teachers have put together a summer reading program for all of our incoming sixth through eighth grade students! This is an **optional** opportunity that we anticipate will be taken advantage of by many of our amazing students.

We know that **when students read for pleasure they build their vocabulary, increase comprehension skills, read more fluently, and best of all, build knowledge of the world.** There are many things that compete with our students' choices to read for pleasure, so we want to entice them with choices, fun activities, and prizes.

Your child's ELA teacher and/or counselor explained our reading promotion. Teachers have distributed novels, and there will be extra in each middle school main office during the summer. Students also have access to Sora and Snap and Read and are encouraged to read **anything and everything** including articles, magazines, graphic novels, poetry, etc.

Below is the information regarding where you can find the specific details:

Each of our middle schools, P.S. Dupont, Springer, and Talley, will be posting all the information needed on the school homepages under "Announcements" **after the last student day.**

1. Go to your Middle School webpage:
<https://www.brandywineschools.org/psdupont>
<https://www.brandywineschools.org/springer>
<https://www.brandywineschools.org/talley>
2. See "Announcements" **Let's Read Over the Summer! Middle School Summer Reading Promotion** message, and click on the link.
3. Read over our "Summer Reading Directions."
4. You will see the Schoology Course: **Middle School Summer Reading 2023 Schoology Course** listed. All students should have this course loaded.
5. The Schoology Course has directions, suggested titles, directions for Snap and Read (audio titles), and a place for students to record their summer reading activities.
6. The Middle School Summer Reading 2023 Course will be monitored and used to award PBIS points and other prizes when students return in the fall.

We are looking forward to seeing what and where students choose to read. We will be using the texts selected over the summer to connect with students at the beginning of the next school year and to kick off our 2023-2024 school year reading promotion!

As always, we appreciate your support and encouragement of pleasure reading for students over the summer. Our goal in Brandywine is to do what we can to cultivate independent learners and avid readers! We look forward to seeing what students read and choose to share in our course!

If a student does not have access to the internet over the summer, please contact your middle school office to attain a hard copy of our summer reading choice board and extra novels.

Thank you for your partnership in encouraging students to read!

Sincerely,

Your Middle School English Teachers

