



**Summer Reading Program  
Benjamin Franklin Middle School**

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Summer is almost here! You can almost smell the sunscreen. That means it is time to prepare for your child's many hours of free time. Parents and guardians....it is time for a plan. Summer reading!!

One of the best ways to prepare a child to be successful in middle school is to encourage that some of those fun-filled summer days are spent reading great books! Summer reading provides valuable, worthwhile entertainment, and it exposes students to rich experiences beyond the classroom. Additionally, reading a variety of books increases knowledge, vocabulary and improves the mental focus and stamina needed for success in school. Therefore, it is **strongly recommended** middle school students read **2 books or more** during the summer.

Fortunately, there are a wealth of middle school authors that appeal to a middle school reader's sense of survival, mystery, romance, fantasy and humor. Suggested summer reading lists are available on the BFMS main website [www.kenton.k12.ny.us](http://www.kenton.k12.ny.us), and under the BFMS library tab. Additional lists are available at your local libraries, [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org). Books for nooks, kindles and other readers are also available through online bookstores and the public library at <https://www.overdrive.com/>. Some popular series and authors for middle school students include Warrior (Erin Hunter), Spirit Animals, Shadow Children (Margaret Haddix), Goosebumps (R.L. Stine), The Selection (Kiera Cass), Divergent (Veronica Roth), Maze Runner (James Dashner), The Mortal Instruments (Cassandra Clare) and Harry Potter (J.K. Rowling).

Encourage your child to find out what their friends are reading, and he or she can share in the summer fun! In September, students will turn in "**BFMS Reading Coupons**" for a chance to win cool prizes. Copies of the coupons are available on the BFMS library website and/or will be available from their teacher in September. The coupons ask students to keep track of titles, authors and a short description of their favorite scenes. Thank you in advance for supporting a love of reading and the development of critical learning habits.

**Any title approved by a parent is acceptable for summer reading.**

**Happy reading and we'll see you in September!**

**Thank you BFMS PTA for continuing to sponsor our Remarkable Readers Celebrations!!!**

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**BFMS Reading Coupon**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Author \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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