Dear RHAM Middle School Students,

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. Because we work to promote a culture of reading in both RHAM Middle and High School, we have summer reading assignments each year. While some of you received a letter about this in the mail or from your teachers in June, we wanted to make sure all of you have the correct expectations.

For your summer reading, we expect you to select at least one book of your choice and read. We hope, of course, you will read more than one book, but the expectation is that you will read at least one. Then, we ask that you get a lined index card and put the following information on it:

- Your name
- The title of the book you read and the author
- The reason why you chose the book
- Whether or not you like the book
- Three evaluative or informative comments about the book - (for example, what made it appealing, what the characters were like, your favorite character, whether there are villains or heroes, some interesting facts about the plot, or a description of the setting - these are just a few possibilities.)
- Whom you would recommend the book to - (for example, would people who like the outdoors like the book? Younger students? Athletes? Singers? Artists? Your best friend? Your grandmother?)

When you return to school, we will spend some time at the start of the year talking about the books read by you and your classmates. You will share meaningful information with your peers about the book you read. The index card of information can help guide what you share, but you can share other aspects as well. You are not limited to one book and can bring in as many index cards as you like. The more you read, the more you can share.

If you have any questions about this or other aspects of the English and reading program at RHAM, please feel free to call me or send an email. (maryrose.meade@rhamschools.org, (860)228-9474, extension 3915).

Sincerely,

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