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Dear Parent/Guardian,

To address the expectation that River Dell will do everything possible to ensure that your son or daughter receives the best possible education; we will be implementing a new summer reading program.

The level of academic achievement currently defined by the Common Core Standards requires ongoing attention to those skills that lead to academic success, most notably: reading. For this reason, we have selected readings that kick start both the Language Arts and Social Studies curriculums.

Included with these selections are Study Guides that will assist your son and/or daughter to comprehend key themes of the readings. Their reading comprehension will be assessed in class the first week back to school by having them take a short answer quiz.

Readings for Social Studies are available as links on the website. Full-length books for Language Arts are available through the BCCLS system at the public library, or through book retailers like Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com. Many of the titles are available in Kindle/Nook format. Students are responsible for purchasing the book or taking it from the library.

Reading selections and study guides will be posted by grade level on the school website.

The study guide is self-explanatory and using it will ensure that the students do well on the assessment. However, we are hopeful that you may choose to read some of what we have posted along with your child because conversing about the reading promotes literacy.

Each grade level has two book choices for Language Arts and the students are only required to read **one** plus the assignment in Social Studies. High School students taking AP classes in Language Arts and History **are exempt** from summer reading because the AP courses require their own particular summer reading assignments.

Although there is no specific study guide or assessment for twelfth grade, we strongly encourage all incoming seniors to read *A Hope in the Unseen*, by Ron Susskind, and/or *Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq*, by Kirsten Holmstedt, because the content of these books deals with the transition from high school into college and the military, respectively.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

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