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Dear Parent(s),

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we know that you are making plans for your child’s summer vacation activities. Like most parents, you are aware that while the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning upon returning to school in the fall. To lessen this effect, Miami Dade County Public Schools, in conjunction with Lamar Louise Curry Middle School has implemented a Summer Reading Initiative. This program aims to help reduce the usual summer reading learning loss by encouraging students to read over the summer.

The Language Arts department at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School has selected one book per grade level and based on your child’s academic placement for the 2017-18 school year. They are required to read and complete their novel project before returning to school in August. We hope that you will encourage your child to read over the summer months. Remind your child that reading is important and fun, too. The following is the list of summer reading books:

6th Grade
- Regular/ELL: **Flush** by Carl Aiasen
- Gifted/Advanced: **Leapholes** by James Grippando and **Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Juster

7th Grade
- Regular: **Crash** by Jerry Spinelli OR **The Cay** by Theodore Taylor
- ELL: **Flipped** by Wendelin Van draanen
- Advanced/Gifted: **Peter and the Star Catchers** by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

8th Grade
- Regular: **Found** by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Advanced/Gifted: **Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark** (Book 1) by Ridley Pearson

Sixth and Seventh Grade Book Report: Go to the following site: [https://curryib.com](https://curryib.com)
Eighth Grade Summer Book in a Bag Project: Go to the following site: [https://curryib.com](https://curryib.com)

We hope that you will join us in this important effort and assist your child in becoming a Summer Reading Achiever.

Sincerely,

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