7th Grade Summer Reading Project
(Modified)

Summer 2017
Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the school year comes to an end, it is important to remember that learning must continue over the summer. The Pottsville Area School District requires all students in grades 5 through 12 to complete a Summer Reading Project. This project has similar requirements to the "Independent Reading Project" that students complete during the school year.

All students in the Pottsville Area School District will be required to complete the assignment for their respective grade. These assignments have been designed with the student's best interest in mind and what we as a faculty feel will benefit the student.

There will be an informational session for parents on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, in the middle school cafeteria, regarding the summer reading project. Please bring any questions you may have to this session.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support!

Parents and students can contact smodesto@pottsville.k12.pa.us or kedling@pottsville.k12.pa.us, with any questions throughout the summer months.

*** Parents and students are reminded that the Summer Schuylkill Achieve Program will run from July 11th to August 3rd (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONLY) from 8:30am to 11:30am, and provides students with time to complete the summer reading program at Lengel Middle School.

To locate the projects on the web, go to:

- www.pottsville.k12.pa.us
- Hover over the tab “For Students”
- Click on “2017 Summer Reading Project”
- Click DHH Lengel Middle School
  Click on 7th Grade Modified Summer Reading Project
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All students in the 7th grade at the DHH Lengel Middle School for the 2017 - 2018 school year, must complete a summer reading project. This year's project consists of a fiction novel, and a non-fiction assignment.

Novel Requirement (50 points):

Students will choose one of the following fiction novels, based on their reading level:

- Little Secrets: Playing with Fire by Emily Blake (level 3.7)
- Little Secrets: No Accident by Emily Blake (level 4.0)
- Rules by C. Lord (level 4.5)
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (level 5.5)
- The Big Field by Mike Lupika (level 6.8)
- Rascal by Sterling North (level 7.1)

OR any book of their choice with at least 100 pages.

They will then complete the following assignment after reading their book, by developing a story map.

Materials needed: 12" x 18" or larger poster board, markers/colored pencils and/or pictures from Internet or magazines

Procedure: The students will follow the guide chart below to complete their poster board. (Place name and grade on the back of the poster board.)

Title and Author of Book (at the top of the poster board)

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<td>(list and describe traits of the main characters)</td>
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<td>(summarize, in 5-7 sentences, the main plot of the story)</td>
<td>(draw favorite scene from your book or find at least 6 pictures in a magazine or on the Internet to depict a favorite scene in your book)</td>
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**Non-Fiction Requirement (50 points):**

The non-fiction assignment consists of reading **three** newspaper articles and writing a 5-7 sentence summary about the article. **The student must hand in the entire article with the summary attached.** These articles and summaries are due by the first week of school.

** Students will be able utilize the resources available in the school library during the summer. The DHH Lengel Middle School library will be open on the following days: June 15th, July 13th and August 10th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. You may borrow and return books and use computers to work on this assignment during this time.

**Project Due Dates:**

These assignments will be due on **September 8th** for all seventh grade students. **Late projects will not be accepted after the deadline.** The project will count as the student’s first major literature/reading grade of the year. For full credit, a student must complete all requirements of the summer reading project.

Students and parents may access project information on the school district website at [www.pottsville.k12.pa.us](http://www.pottsville.k12.pa.us) (position cursor over the “For Students” tab and select the “Documents and Forms” option at the bottom of the dropdown menu. Please make sure that you view the “Modified” version of the Summer Reading Project.)