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Dear Students and Parents,

Independent reading is an important part of the Language Arts curriculum at Weber Middle School. One of our goals this year in English/Language Arts is for our students to feel a greater appreciation and love for reading. We also wish to see Weber students continue to grow and mature as readers. We encourage parents to model a love for reading and discussion of literature at home. To this end, we have chosen a variety of books as summer reading. They are all approved, grade appropriate novels. Students are required to read only one novel from the list. When incoming 7th graders return to Weber in the fall, they must be prepared to write an essay based on the book they read over the summer. The question will relate to plot, theme, setting, and conflict. Students will choose from the following list:

Calonita	<i>Secrets of My Hollywood Life</i>	Contemporary Fiction
Sonnenblick	<i>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie</i>	Contemporary Fiction
Westerfield	<i>Pretties</i>	Contemporary Fiction
Spiegelman	<i>Maus: Maus II</i>	Historical Fiction
McNamee	<i>Acceleration</i>	Horror/Mystery
Colfer	<i>Artemis Fowl</i>	Fantasy/Sci Fi
Wells	<i>The Time Machine</i>	Science Fiction
Adams	<i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Science Fiction

The Port Washington Public Library, Dolphin Book, and Barnes and Noble have been given this list of required summer readings so that they can make them available to you.

Have a happy and safe summer! We look forward to see you in the fall.

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