

## FAMILY SUPPORT

- Continue your involvement with your child's reading during the summer.
- Make sure that your son or daughter has a library card and encourage visits to the public library. (Remember that the DeWitt Community Library is conveniently located on the bottom level of Shoppingtown Mall. Information about its hours and programs can be accessed at <http://www.dewittcommunitylibrary.org>.)
- Look for the list of recommended books that is included with your child's report card at the end of the year; post it in a handy place in your home.
- Visit the JDMS Summer Reading website for more book recommendations.
- Discuss your child's interests with him or her and encourage your child to select a book related to them. Talking with your child about the book he or she is reading will always enhance comprehension of the text.
- Let your child see you reading. You might even decide to read the same book your child chooses and share the pleasure that a good story provides.



## YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

- We know that you share our commitment to your child's continued growth as a reader, and we appreciate your continued support of the Middle School's efforts to provide students with opportunities to achieve their fullest learning potential.
- Please do contact us with any questions you may have about the summer program.



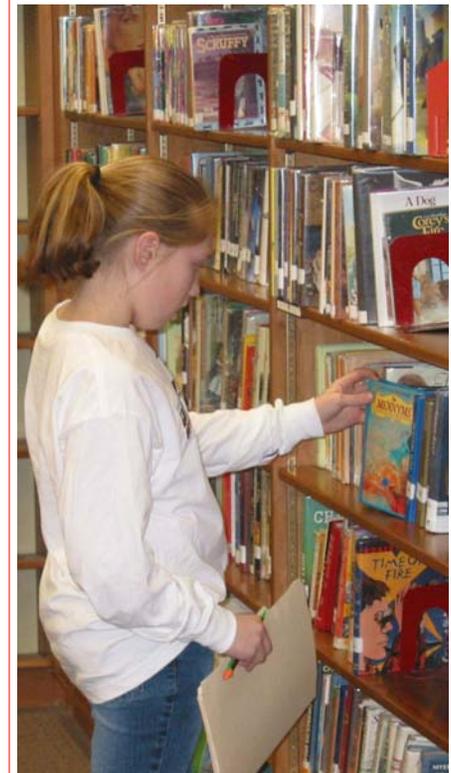
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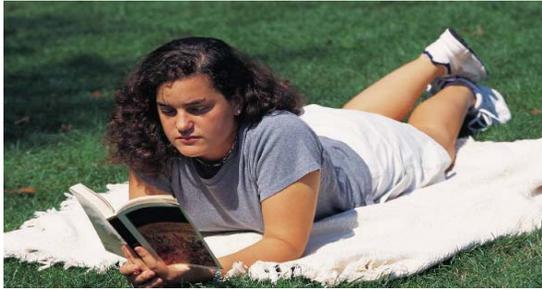
## Summer Reading Expectations



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## JDMS READS!

JDMS's summer reading program for incoming seventh and eighth graders is part of our ongoing effort to develop our students as independent and skilled readers. The program will extend the self-selected reading that students have been doing during the school year and supports our belief that reading competence is key to academic success as well as a source of life-long pleasure and satisfaction.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Jamesville-DeWitt students may fulfill their summer reading requirements in a number of ways. They may :

read at least 2½ hours per week

OR

read at least two books that are appropriate for their grade level and/or reading ability

OR

read at least 500 pages

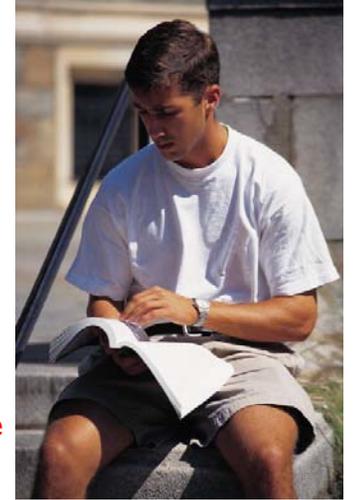
- Students will record their reading on a log that they will turn in to their language arts

teacher when they return to school in September. In addition, summer reading will be incorporated into a class assignment early in the school year. The assignment may vary from teacher to teacher.



## HOW TO FIND A GOOD BOOK

- Get a recommendation from a friend, teacher, or librarian.
- Read a book by a favorite author.
- Continue reading in a series that you like.
- Pay special attention to the books on display at the library. Read the plot summary on the back or inside cover.
- Consult the list of **Quick Picks** that was sent to you with your report card.
- Visit the JDMS Summer Reading Website.** Just click on the *Summer Reading* button on the left side of the JDMS homepage: [jamesvilledewitt.org/middle](http://jamesvilledewitt.org/middle). The site offers links to numerous lists of recommended books.



## WHY SUMMER READING?

- Research studies have concluded that students who do not read during the summer months lose over two months of reading achievement during that time while students who do read maintain their reading level or even improve it slightly.
- The value of volume reading has long been known. Students who read more have richer vocabularies and more advanced comprehension skills.
- The New York State Education Department has recommended that students read at least twenty-five books annually.
- The United States Department of Education urges children to read ten books during their vacation.