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Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

The following letter contains the requirements for Selwyn's middle school English summer reading program, an important component of the middle school curriculum. This work will constitute a significant portion of each student's English grade for the first interim of school.

This summer, each student will be required to read three books. One of the books must be a literary classic; a list is enclosed to provide suggestions for your child, including each book's reading level. The reading level is based on the vocabulary used by the author, so a book with a reading level of 7.0 should contain words that can be easily understood by a student beginning the seventh grade.

One book should be a work of nonfiction (such as a biography or a book about some aspect of science or history) selected by your child. Any work of nonfiction that is written at your child's reading level and that will help your child learn more about a topic of interest will be acceptable.

The third book may be any book your child chooses, as long as it is written at an appropriate reading level.

In addition to the reading, each student must prepare one book report. An outline is enclosed which your child may follow when writing the book report on the book of his/her choice.

All reports will be handed in to me on the first day of school. We will then begin discussing oral presentations. Each child will give one oral report to all of the middle school students and faculty during Assembly on an assigned day. The students will also participate in *Come to School Dressed as Your Favorite Character from the Summer Reading List Day*. Each student will dress up as his or her favorite character and visit the preschool, lower school, or upper school, telling the audience about the character he or she has chosen to portray.

Feel free to email me at [mkosednar@selwynschool.com](mailto:mkosednar@selwynschool.com) if you have any questions. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Mary Kosednar