

Summer 2011

Dear Parents and Students:

Joseph Addison is quoted as saying, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body". Just as exercise is fundamental to your growth physically, reading is an essential ingredient for life-long learning.

The seventh grade language arts department at Streetsboro Middle School is encouraging **ALL** students to choose **ONE** book from the following list of themes to read. We feel this will help to maintain and practice reading skills as well as fostering reading for enjoyment throughout the summer months.

Possible Themes: SELF-DISCOVERY, TOUGH DECISIONS, LIFE CHANGES, FACING CONSEQUENCES, THE HUMAN SPIRIT, LOVE & FRIENDSHIP, or UNEXPECTED TURNS.

***Students who will be in accelerated language arts are **REQUIRED** to choose one book from the above list of themes to read, and complete a letter to the author. The letter should be written in appropriate business format, and should contain a detailed explanation of **ONE** of the following questions:

How does the setting help to advance the theme of the novel?

How do the characters aid in sharing the novel's theme?

As the main conflict is revealed, how does it show the theme the author has written into the novel?

Accelerated students are expected to have the novel of their choice read before the start of the 2011-2012 school year, and should bring their letter to their language arts teacher on the second day of school (August 25, 2011).

Check out www.librarything.com which is a great search engine to aid in the search for novels with the themes mentioned above.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make your student's upcoming school year a success!

Sincerely,

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*Please feel free to email us if you have any questions throughout the summer.