

POMPTON LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear parents and guardians:

Students attending Lakeside Middle School are expected to participate in a summer reading program. When returning to school in September, they will be asked to take a multiple choice test and to participate in classroom discussions based on the readings. The test questions will be based on the novels; therefore, students should read carefully and should be discouraged from watching any available film versions to avoid confusion.

Students entering grade 6 will read the following:

Reading/ELA: *Ugly* by Robert Hoge

Resource English: *Ugly* by Robert Hoge

Multisensory English: *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli

Students entering grade 7 will read the following:

Reading/ELA: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

Resource English: Parts 1 and 2 of *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka, Martin Ganda, and Liz Welch

Students entering grade 8 will read the following:

Reading/ELA: *Booked* by Kwame Alexander

Resource English: *Booked* by Kwame Alexander

English Honors: *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse

The novels will be distributed to all before school ends in June. The completion of this assignment is imperative if the student is to begin the school year successfully. We hope this provides your child with an enjoyable reading experience this summer.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stephen Tarsitano

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Language Arts Department Chairperson