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Dear parents of incoming Allegro Students,

I am very excited to announce the summer reading lists for Allegro Charter School of Music. While summer is a time for students to relax and participate in recreational activities, it should also be a time for them to entertain themselves with a good book. Summer reading is not only enjoyable for children, but it is a must. Studies have shown that when children read each day, they learn to read faster and they improve their comprehension skills. If children do not read for a month or two, they will lose a great deal of progress they have made during the school year. Children who read during the summer start school ready to continue their progress and will likely adapt more quickly to the grade level curriculum.

Below, you will find a differentiated selection of summer reading books for students. Books were carefully selected through research, as well as through being mindful of student interest and next year's curriculum. For each grade level, there are three available choices: one that is grade level appropriate, one that is aimed above the grade level, and one that should be more challenging for the grade level. Keep in mind, for high schoolers, some books may contain more mature language or themes, and parents may want to look at the book before deciding that it is appropriate for their child. **While no mandatory projects will be assigned**, due in large part to the influx of new students next year and making an effort to maintain uniformity of grades for all students, we know many parents are anxious to have their students working steadily on stimulating and exciting material. Students are encouraged to choose one book (or more, if they're feeling motivated!) from the options provided for their grade level and be prepared to discuss it upon their return to school in August.

I hope that you all enjoy some downtime this summer to relax and enjoy these books along with all the other fun activities your summer promises to hold! I look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at gmcclellan@allegrocharterschool.org.

Thank you!

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SUMMER READING BOOK LIST

Incoming 6th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Level B Option - The BFG by Roald Dahl

Level C Option - Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Level B Option - Ms. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, the Graphic Novel by Cassandra Jean and Ransom Riggs

Level C Option - Wonder by RJ Palacio

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

Level B Option - The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Level C Option - Killer Pizza: The Slice by Greg Taylor

Incoming 9th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Level B Option - The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Level C Option - Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Incoming 10th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Level B Option - A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Level C Option - Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Incoming 11th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Level B Option - Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

Level C Option - The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

Incoming 12th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Level B Option - Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Level C Option - The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro