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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.

Finally, I ask for your help. I ask that summer reading be a shared experience in your homes this summer and that you value the positive effects family literacy has on your child's education. Please take the time to learn something new with your child this summer – read a book together and discuss what you have read.

I hope that you all enjoy some down time 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 - Holes by Louis Sachar

Level B Option - The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Level C Option - My Brother Sam Is Dead by James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Level B Option - Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Level C Option - The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - The Princess Bride by William Goldman

Level B Option - Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Level C Option - Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Incoming 9th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

Level B Option - The Mazerunner by James Dashner

Level C Option - The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Incoming 10th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Level B Option - The Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers

Level C Option - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Incoming 11th Grade Summer Reading Options

Level A Option - King Dork by Frank Portman

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

Level C Option - In Cold Blood by Truman Capote