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Dear Parent(s),

With the end of the school year upon us, we know that you are making plans for your child's summer vacation activities. Like most parents, you are aware that while the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning upon returning to school in the fall. To lessen this effect, Miami Dade County Public Schools, in conjunction with Lamar Louise Curry Middle School has implemented a Summer Reading Initiative. This program aims to help reduce the usual summer reading learning loss by encouraging students to read over the summer.

The Language Arts department at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School has selected one book per grade level and based on your child's academic placement for the 2018-19 school year. They are required to read and complete their novel project before returning to school in August. We hope that you will encourage your child to read over the summer months. Remind your child that reading is important and fun, too. The following is the list of summer reading books:

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Regular/ELL: **Flush** by Carl Aiasen

Gifted/Advanced: **Out of My Mind** by James Sharon Draper **OR**

**Al Capone Does My Shirts** by Gennifer Choldenko

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Regular: **Crash** by Jerry Spinelli **OR The Cay** by Theodore Taylor

ELL: **Flipped** by Wendelin Van Draanen

Advanced/Gifted: **Peter and the Star Catchers** by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Regular: **Found** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Advanced/Gifted: **Turtles All the Way Down** by John Green **OR**

**Chains** by Laurie Halse Anderson

Sixth and Seventh Grade Book Report: Click on webpage link **or** go to the following site: <https://curryib.com>

Eighth Grade Summer Book in a Bag Project: Click on webpage link **or** go to the following site: <https://curryib.com>

We hope that you will join us in this important effort and assist your child in becoming a Summer Reading Achiever.

Sincerely,

Lamar Louise Curry Middle  
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