Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Ammons! As we prepare for the summer months, with the close of another school year, we’d like to pass along information regarding our summer reading requirement. Attached, please find the Summer Reading List, divided by grade. You will be able to purchase the books in the Media Center TODAY. The prices listed below include tax. Cash is the ONLY form of payment we can accept.

The school requirement is that students read 2 books over the summer. One book must be for the Individuals & Societies class, and one book must be for the Language & Literature class. The Language & Literature selections include a fiction and a non-fiction choice. The book selections have been separated by grade level on the following pages.

After books have been chosen and read, students should first complete the Summer Reading Documentation Form (on the back side of this letter) then be sure a parent has signed it, and finally be prepared to show or turn in each section to the teacher listed (Language & Literature and Individuals & Societies) during the first week of school.

In the Language & Literature classes, there will be a test related to the selection read over the summer. Individual L & L teachers will provide more information to their students about the test during the first two weeks of school. In the Individuals & Societies classes, students will be expected to participate in class discussions and activities tied the readings, and there will be different assessments depending on the teacher. For this reason, although not mandatory, it may be helpful for your child to take notes or summarize chapters in the books to assist in remembering what was read and to maximize his or her comprehension.

If you have any questions about the Summer Reading Books, please send me an email at cgbrito@dadeschools.net. I check my email periodically over the summer.

Enjoy the break, and enjoy the reading!

Mrs. Cristy Gonzalez-Brito / Library Media Specialist
**Summer Reading Documentation Form:**

**LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

Use this section to document your Language & Literature Required Summer Reading book selection. *This section must be presented to your Language & Literature teacher at the beginning of the school year.*

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**Summer Reading Documentation Form:**

**INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES**

Use this section to document your Individuals & Societies Required Summer Reading book selection. *This section must be presented to your Individuals & Societies teacher at the beginning of the school year.*

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Required Summer Reading - Book Selections by Grade

Listed below are the summer reading book selections per grade. Students are required to read 2 books over the summer. One book must be for their Individuals & Societies Class and one book must be for their Language & Literature class.

**Incoming 6th Graders**

- **Individuals & Societies (required)**

  **Chains “Seeds of America”** by Laurie Halse Anderson  
  **$9.50**
  As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate, become the property of a malicious New York City couple who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel.

- **Language & Literature Book Selections (choose one)**

  **Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
  **$9.50**  
  Fiction
  Ally has a hard time reading but is afraid to ask for help. When her teacher sees the bright and creative kid beneath the troublemaker, Ally’s confidence grows and she feels comfortable being herself. She learns there’s a lot more to her, and to everyone, than a label.

  **Almost Astronauts 13 Women Who Dared** by Tanyalee Stone  
  **$14.00**  
  Non-Fiction
  The true story of 13 women who proved they were tough enough to challenge the government. Although the Mercury 13 women did not make it into space, their example empowered young women to take their place as pilots and commanders.
Incoming 7th Graders

- **Individuals & Societies Book** (required)
  
  **My Brother Sam is Dead** by James & Christopher Collier $8.50
  Tim Meeker has always looked up to his brother Sam. Everyone else has admired him too, until he enlists in the new American Revolutionary Army. Not everyone wants to become part of the new America, including the boys’ father. When war begins, Tim must choose which side he is on. Will he have to fight against his father or his brother?

- **Language & Literature Book Selections** (choose one)
  
  **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** by William Kamkwamba $9.50
  Non-Fiction
  This is the immensely engaging and inspiring true account of an enterprising African teenager who constructed a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his entire community.

  **Shouting at the Rain** by Linda Mullaly Hunt (New release) Only Hardcover- $17.00
  Fiction
  Delsie has always lived with her grandmother, but now she’s wishing she could have a "regular family." Delsie observes other changes too--the most painful being a friend who's outgrown her. Luckily, she has neighbors to support her, and a new friend, Ronan, who joins her on adventures around Cape Cod over the summer. They both learn what it means to be angry versus sad, broken versus whole, and abandoned versus loved.

Incoming 8th Graders

- **Individuals & Societies Book Selections** (required)
  
  **The Smile** by Donna Jo Napoli $8.50
  Non-Fiction
  Elisabetta longs for romance, and on a visit to Florence, she catches the eye of the great Leonardo da Vinci, and falls for a boy named Giuliano de' Medici but it is a dangerous time to be involved with a Medici. As tragedy and chaos threaten their happiness, Elisabetta faces the bittersweet truth of love.

- **Language & Literature Book Selections** (choose one)
  
  **Romiette & Julio** by Sharon Draper $8.50
  Fiction
  A modern-day version of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliette with an African American girl and Hispanic boy in High School who battle the odds to stay together.

  **Be A Changemaker** by Laurieanne Thompson $11.50
  Non-Fiction
  Empower yourself in today’s highly connected, socially conscious world as you learn how to wield your passions, digital tools, and the principles of social entrepreneurship to affect real change in your schools, communities, and beyond.