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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Research shows that for students to become life-long readers, they need to read. Therefore, as English teachers, we believe that good reading habits need to be part of every student's daily routine. In working towards this goal, we are requiring that all students read a novel over the summer and complete the attached task to help capture their thoughts about the book. Your student received a copy of one of three novels chosen by the department along with the necessary materials during the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Additional materials can be found on the Gates Chili Middle School district webpage, [www.gateschili.org](http://www.gateschili.org). **Your student's novel and task must be turned in by Friday, September 13th.**

The novels are:

- Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade book titles include: *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine, *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt, *Out of my Mind* by Sharon Draper (Lisa Taylor will determine titles for the incoming ELL students)
- Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade book titles include: *The Titanic Locket (The Haunted Museum #1)* by Suzanne Weyn, *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George, *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd
- Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade book titles include: *Booked* by Kwame Alexander, *Crime Travelers* by Gordon Korman, *Brainwashed* by Paul Aertker, *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman

As an incentive, students who complete the project will receive a raffle ticket towards a prize. Students can receive an additional raffle ticket for also returning their book. Our principal, Dr. Buckshaw, will choose ten winning tickets for wonderful prizes.

If your student is interested in reading more books over the summer, he/she can download books onto his/her phone or laptop for free from the public library using **Overdrive.com** if you have a public library card. The following library website offers book suggestions for teens: <https://bit.ly/2Lo3sBm>  
Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

English Language Arts Teachers