

# WOODLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we bring this unique school year to a close, it is important that we continue to work together over these summer months. Research tells us that students need to read during the summer to maintain their independent reading levels. **Practice maintains progress!**



The intent of summer reading is to encourage the habit of lifelong reading. Summer is a great time to explore new authors and topics! Students are encouraged to read all different genres and forms of written expression including newspapers, magazines, fiction, historical fiction, biographies, non-fiction, graphic novels, and poetry. There is no limit on what students can read this summer---**Just Read!**

Memorial Middle School students are encouraged to join the Alfred H. Baumann Public Library's summer reading program, **Tails and Tales**. Many exciting incentives are planned for students who participate! Students who join will be able to track their reading. Memorial students and the HOUSE team that reads the most will be awarded in the fall.

In addition to **Tails and Tales**, we are so EXCITED to share our **FIRST ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK** text, **The Playbook** by: Kwame Alexander. One School, One Book is a movement designed to get an entire school community involved in reading. This summer, we want to provide an environment where our imaginations are set free through literature. By choosing one book that spans various reading levels, both students and staff will come together and share thoughts, ideas, and a passion for reading. We aim to build a community of readers. During the first week of school, homerooms will compete and participate in different tasks connected to **The Playbook**. Prizes will be awarded. We encourage all students to participate and complete the fun missions planned at the library.

Students may purchase their own books or borrow from the public library. Please visit the school website at [www.wpschools.org](http://www.wpschools.org) for more information.

Educationally yours,

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