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Sandtown Parents:

The 2009-2010 school year will be a challenging year. To prepare our students, the Sandtown administration and staff would like to encourage independent learning through the Fulton County Reading List for Middle School. This list can be found on our Sandtown Middle School site, at the Southwest Regional Library, at Barnes and Nobles, and in the school office.

Our goal this summer is to encourage quality reading. Therefore, we are encouraging all students to read ten (10) or more books during the summer. Attached is a list of books from which the students are to select. Students who read ten (10) or more books will be given recognition and an opportunity to participate in our first Sandtown Middle School Book Talk.

Questions:

- Can students read books that are not on the reading list? Yes, students may read books that are grade-level appropriate. We encourage the reading of the classics and books that are at least 150 pages and over.
- Can students start book clubs? Yes, this is an excellent activity for discussing and prompting higher level thinking.
- Can students complete journal responses? Yes, journaling is an opportunity for students to express in writing their feelings as they read.

In order to participate in the school's recognition for reading and the Book Talk, students **must follow** these simple steps:

- Keep a reading log. Attached is a Summer Reading Book Log on which the student will write the name and author of each book read.
- After the student completes each book, the parent will sign his/ her name on the line after each book listed.
- During the first week of school, students will submit the Summer Reading Book Log to their reading teacher.
- Those students who are in World Languages will turn their logs in to their language arts teacher.
- Students must write their names on their log in ink or marker.

This will be an opportunity for students to find the genre they enjoy reading and have a fun-filled summer of reading.

Sincerely,  
Sandtown Middle School Administration and Staff



