Dear Parents and Students,

As the summer draws near, we extend to you and your child our best wishes for a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable vacation. We hope that as you plan your time you also look forward to enjoying the pleasures and adventures that reading good books can offer. We believe that summer reading should be an enjoyable pastime. We also believe that reading can expand one's personal interests.

This year, students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will choose their own summer reading book. The summer reading assignment, due the first day of school, will be a “one-pager.” The directions for the assignment and a template for the “one-pager” are on the next page.

Parents, we encourage you to read along and enjoy the rewarding conversations that usually follow from reading a good book!

Sincerely,

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Bridgewater-Raynham English/Language Arts Teachers
“One-Pager” Choice Book Assignment

After you have finished reading your choice book, you will complete a “one-pager.” A one-pager is a one page document that illustrates that you not only comprehend the book that you read this trimester, but also understand symbolism, character development, and themes.

On the following page is the template that you will need to print out and use to complete your one-pager. Be careful to follow the directions and complete all parts of the assignment. Your one-pager must contain quotes from the text, your own written work, and images that you may cut and paste onto the template or images that you draw or paint onto the template. When completed, the one-pager should be completely filled in. To help with creating the one-pager, there is an exemplar included with this packet.

Directions:

a. Inside the top border, write the title and author of your choice book. Be sure to underline the title of the book if it is handwritten or italicize if it is typed.

b. On the side and bottom borders, write some of the major themes of the work. Themes can be the lessons or the central ideas of the book.

c. In the first upper-left square (labeled 1) write a short personal statement about your choice book. This personal statement should be more than just describing the book, but should explain what you have learned from reading the book.

d. In the upper-right square (labeled 2) you will need to include words or images that illustrate the importance of the setting. The setting can include where the story takes place (ex: Raynham, Massachusetts) and the time period (ex: 1930s). You may also include historical events that are taking place in the book.

e. In the large, middle rectangle (labeled 3) you will describe the key characters from the book using words and images.

f. Finally, in the large, bottom rectangle (labeled 4) select three quotes from the text that illustrate the themes that appear in the border of your one-pager. Be sure to use quotation marks and list the page where this quote can be found. Around the quote you may select images that relate to the quote or images that relate to the theme the quote illustrates.
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<td>Three appropriate themes are written in the border. All quotes selected relate to a theme within the border.</td>
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<td>Three appropriate themes are written in the border. Some of the quotes selected relate to a theme within the border.</td>
<td>Less than three appropriate themes are written in the border. Less than three quotes selected or quotes do not relate to themes within the border.</td>
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<td>Appropriate Images/ Neatness</td>
<td>Images are appropriate. One-pager is neat. All sections can be read and understood. One-pager is visually appealing.</td>
<td>Images are appropriate. One-pager is neat and all sections can be read and understood.</td>
<td>Some images relate to the book. Parts of the one-pager are messy and some parts cannot be read or understood.</td>
<td>Images do not relate to the book. One-pager is messy and many sections cannot be read or understood.</td>
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<td>Personal Reflection/ Character Descriptions</td>
<td>Written entries illustrate that the student has thoroughly evaluated and reflected on the choice book.</td>
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<td>One-pager is complete; shows evidence of effort.</td>
<td>All sections are thoroughly completed. No errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling.</td>
<td>All sections are completed. Few mistakes in grammar, punctuation, and spelling.</td>
<td>All sections are completed. Mistakes in grammar, punctuation, and spelling are present, but do not impede the reader’s ability to comprehend the assignment.</td>
<td>Some sections are not completed. Mistakes in grammar, punctuation, and spelling impede the reader’s ability to comprehend the assignment.</td>
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The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks

This book taught me to follow my heart and not be afraid of what life was to offer.

The Notebook takes place during 1940s in a plantation home in New Bern, North Carolina.

Allie Nelson is a high class young woman who falls in love with a boy beneath her family's social class.

Noah is the protagonist of the story. He is a fun and adventurous individual that falls in love with Allie and never stops fighting for her love.

"So it's not gonna be easy. It's going to be really hard. We're gonna have to work at this everyday, but I want to do that. I want to do something because I want you. I want all of you. I want you forever, everyday."

"I think our love can do anything we want it to."

You cannot live your life in fear of hurting.