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**Rolland-Warner and Zemmer Summer Reading Challenge**

Dear families,

This summer the staff members at the Rolland-Warner and Zemmer campuses will be promoting a Summer Reading Challenge for all students who will attend either school during the 2014-15 school year. The purpose of the **voluntary** program is to promote positive reading habits and to help students become better prepared for the following school year, as many studies claim that students, especially those who are disadvantaged, experience learning loss during the summer (Alexander, et. al, 2007; Cooper, 2003; McGill-Franzen & Allington, 2003). Not only does summer provide a leisurely setting for reading, research also supports that students who read six or more books during the summer months are more likely to maintain or improve their reading skills (Heyns, 1978; Kim, 2004). To help students be more successful next year and to encourage a love of reading, we challenge all students to **volunteer** to read **at least six** novels this summer.

**Summer Reading Challenge Directions**

1. Over the summer, students must read a minimum of 6 self-selected novels
2. Students complete a book recommendation form for each novel read
3. Students staple the recommendations together and submit them to their English teacher by **Friday, September 12, 2014**
4. All students who complete at least 6 novels and book recommendation forms will be allowed to attend a special party during the school day (date TBD) and will receive a raffle ticket for every recommendation form completed. Extra novels read and forms completed will result in earning additional raffle tickets.
5. Fabulous prize drawings will occur during the party in the fall.

**For questions contact:**

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**Additional Information:**

Summer Reading Challenge Website-*has a printable recommendation form, book ideas, and directions* http://www.andreabrunettsteachingwebsite.com/6th-9th-grade-summer-reading-challenge.html

Sincerely,

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2014-15 Chief Academic Officer

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