



# John Griffin Middle School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

We believe strongly in the importance and benefits of a summer reading program. Reading a good book during the summer enhances student achievement and stimulates a lifelong interest in reading for pleasure.

In order to support the academic rigor we require during the school year, we are continuing with a mandatory summer reading activity for all students attending John Griffin Middle School. Students are required to read one book from the attached choices for the 2017 – 2018 academic year. You may check them out from the public library, or you may even have some in your home. If this causes a financial hardship, please contact me personally at 424-7678. We encourage you to purchase a copy of whichever book your child chooses, as author Monika Schroeder will be our visiting author this fall. This way, during her visit, your child may have a personal copy autographed by the author.

After reading the book, your child will be required to complete one of the products from the enclosed list. All products will need to be submitted within the first few weeks of school. This will be the first grade of the year in your child's English language arts class.

Beginning October 2nd, 2017 your child will share information about the book with his or her ELA teacher and classmates and present his or her book product. Encourage your child to note interesting characters, important themes, and memorable events from the reading. Conversations at home about our theme *Courage and Survival* will make our class discussions stimulating and rewarding.

Thank you for your support. This effort will insure our students are challenged academically as we continue to strive for excellence.

Happy Reading!

Tommy Dent  
Principal