**Summer Reading 2018 - Entering Sixth Grade**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

 As the summer months begin, we would like to invite you to participate in a new Summer Reading Program here at Half Hollow Hills! Summer reading provides opportunities to maintain the reading skills that your child has learned throughout the school year. Opportunities to read over the summer not only enhance basic reading skills, they create unique opportunities for learning, exploring and growing. Summer reading provides students with more free time to explore books without the pressures of assignments and gives them opportunities to explore new books and develop a love for reading.

 This year, the Half Hollow Hills reading program will provide students with choices to explore reading while also giving them ideas to get outside and be creative with family and friends. We are working with the community libraries to celebrate New York State Libraries’ summer reading theme, “Reading Rocks!”

 Please use the attached pamphlet to explore new adventures in reading. We are asking that students choose a minimum of three activities from the “Reading Rocks Grid” and three activities from the “Get Outside and Have Fun Grid.” Each time you complete an activity use the attached music note stickers to indicate a completed challenge.

 Snap a picture of your summer work to use this as an ‘artifact’ that displays your summer reading work and send it to the email address on the front of the Summer Reading pamphlet. Please return the completed summer reading pamphlet to your child’s new teacher in September. We will celebrate all students who complete a total of six activities when they return to school this September.

 I wish you all a wonderful summer of reading and exploration!

Lisa DeRienzo

*“Reading is dreaming with open eyes.*

*You can find magic wherever you look, sit down, relax all you need is a book”*