

Millburn Middle School  
Summer 2023



Dear Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Millburn Middle School Students and Parents,

The summer break offers great opportunities for students to help improve reading and writing skills. Research shows that students who read for pleasure in the summer do better and forget less when they return to school in the fall. The benefits are not just in English/Language Arts class (ELA). Students who don't read over the summer can slide backwards in all subject areas. This is more important than ever.

The Caudill nominees are 20 books selected by middle school librarians across the state. Here is the link to the 2023 Caudill Award nominees: [2024 Caudill Nominees List](#) . It is also posted in the virtual backpack. These books are available at local libraries and at the virtual spring book fair. Each year there is a new list so be sure to select your summer reading from the **2024** Caudill list.

Each year the ELA teachers at MMS ask all students to read at least **one book** from the list of Caudill nominees over the summer. Sixth grade students may choose **any book** that is at their reading level and is of the most interest to them. You can listen to the audiobook version as long as you also follow along with your eyes in the hardcopy. Students are encouraged to keep a journal or annotate as they read. There will be an assignment on the reading when school resumes in the fall.

**We advise parental review and discretion when selecting a book.** Some books contain language and subject matter that might be mature for your child. We suggest that parents read the book with their child and discuss it together, like a book club!

We don't stop reading Caudill nominees once the summer is over! **All middle school students are required to read at least three 2024 Caudill nominated books by February 2024.** Students will vote in the statewide election for the best book. Also the Media Center has several Caudill reading contests throughout the year! There are different raffles for students that have read five, eight and fifteen or more of the twenty. Each raffle has different due dates. Feel free to get a jump start on these contests by reading more Caudill 2024 nominees this summer!

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lieblang at [clieblang@millburn24.net](mailto:clieblang@millburn24.net)  
Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade ELA Teachers