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Dear Gibbsboro School families,

A goal of the Gibbsboro School Language Arts teachers is to foster a love of reading and to create lifelong readers. The summer months provide an opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences and prevent the loss of reading skills. Consider the following facts about reading:

Teachers typically spend between 4 to 6 weeks re-teaching material students have forgotten over the summer (Lasting Consequences of the Summer Learning Gap, Karl Alexander, Doris Entwistle, Linda Steffel Olson, April 2007).

This year we hope that our students will read many books over the summer, but this summer we are requiring each student in grades six - eighth to read **ONE** book. The title and author is the following:

- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt.

The first graded assessment of the school year will be based on the summer reading book, and it will be given immediately upon return.

Enjoy your summer and happy reading! If you have any questions, we can be reached at the following emails:

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Sincerely,

The Gibbsboro Junior High ELA team

