

## ***Cyrus Peirce Middle School Summer Reading 2018***

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Dear Cyrus Peirce Middle School Parents and Students:

Welcome to Summer Reading 2018!

All students at CPS will be reading a book they chose after several awesome book tasting nights and class periods.

Each student will receive a copy of their book before the end of the school year. Fifth graders will receive their books on Jump-Up Day, June 7th. Many thanks to the Friends of Nantucket Public Schools and Wendy Hudson of Nantucket Book Partners for making it possible to give a copy to each student.

At the end of the first week of school in September, students will meet in small “book clubs” with other students that read the same book, and at least one staff member, to discuss the book they chose. Students will bring their completed ONE PAGER, designed to help organize their ideas and capture their responses to the book, to this group discussion. The ONE PAGER directions are included with this letter.

In addition, all students will choose a second book, at minimum as we encourage students to read as much as possible, for Summer Reading. This book can be from the [Recommended Summer Reading list](#), or any book your child chooses. The link for this list, along with the ONE-PAGER directions will be on the [CPS Homepage](#). Our book recommendations cover most of the major writing genres and come from a diverse group of writers. We feel that students will find a book with which they can connect and enjoy. We strongly encourage students to challenge themselves, and recommend that parents get involved and guide their children in making a good choice. All book titles are linked to the Nantucket Book Partners website, [www.nantucketbookpartners.com](http://www.nantucketbookpartners.com). Here you will find book summaries, reviews and access to online ordering. You may also visit Mitchell's to purchase the book, or the Nantucket Atheneum to borrow a copy.

As a way of modeling good reading habits, the CPS English Language Arts teachers recommend for parents [\*The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed\* by Jessica Lahey](#). A group of parents of high schoolers participated in a book club with several teachers, and they highly recommend it to all parents.

Your participation in the CPS Summer Reading Program is essential to starting off the school year on a positive note!

## What you will do:

1. Receive your copy of your choice book on June 7th (5th graders) or before school ends (6th and 7th graders).
2. Read your choice book during the summer and create your ONE PAGER according to the directions.
3. Select a second book from the [2018 Recommended Summer Reading List](#). You are responsible for buying or borrowing a copy of the book you select.
4. Post pictures of you and/or you and your friends reading book #2 on social media using #ackcpsreads (see directions in attached document).
5. Bring your copy of your choice book and your one-pager with you on the first day of school. Your English teacher will be collecting the ONE PAGER on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Your ONE PAGER will be assessed and returned to you prior to the book group discussion.
6. Book group discussions about your choice book will take place on Friday, September 7, 2018.
7. An in-class writing assessment about one of your books will happen in English classes the second week of school.

We want to thank our students as they continue to commit themselves to being lifelong learners – individuals who never stop questioning the world through language and imagination.

Have a GREAT summer!

Warm regards,

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