

*Jared Eliot Middle School*

# Summer Reading



**"Reading...a vacation for the mind!" –David Barry**

Whether you are traveling this summer or not, you can always escape into a book! Fiction or nonfiction, students should continue to exercise their brains by reading often and for a variety of purposes:

- ★ To relax.
- ★ To expand your knowledge on a topic that interests you.
- ★ To read another book from your favorite author or genre.
- ★ To learn about a place you are visiting.
- ★ To learn about and consider other people's perspectives.
- ★ To realize others have gone through similar obstacles in their lives and you aren't alone.
- ★ To read that book you saw your friend reading but didn't have time for during the school year.

**During the first week of school, students will participate in a book chat to discuss one of the books he or she chose to read over the summer. This will be a great opportunity for students to learn from their peers about new books or authors they might want to check out. Students have the option to bring in a summer reading log. Grading will be based on active participation in the book chat.**

Here are some helpful resources to get you started:

- ★ [Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Log](#)
- ★ [Grades 5-6 Governor's Summer Reading Book List](#)
- ★ [Grades 7-8 Governor's Summer Reading Book List](#)
- ★ [Nutmeg Book Award](#)
- ★ [Henry Carter Hull Library](#)