The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District

Merrick Avenue Middle School

Summer Reading Program

June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming 7th Graders:

The English Department at Merrick Avenue Middle School is pleased to present its selections for the 2020-2021 Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Summer Reading Program. We welcome you and your child to choose among these three critically-acclaimed texts or choose an alternate text of equal merit. It is our hope that offering choice in these selections will allow each child to select an interesting book to read at his or her “just-right” reading level.

The three contemporary texts below are thematically linked to our Merrick Avenue P.R.I.D.E philosophy. As your child is welcomed into the middle school community, we look forward to incorporating lessons from the books’ common themes into classroom discussions.

Please select one:

***Restart*** by Gordon Korman

***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon Draper

***Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*** by Nora Raleigh Baskin

**-or-**

 Select a book of equal merit that is thematically linked to the qualities of our Merrick PRIDE philosophy:

**P.R.I. D. E:** Patience, Responsibility, Integrity, Dedication, and Empathy

In an effort to focus students’ attention to author’s craft, we have included a brief assignment for your child to complete while reading. **All students entering grade 7 are required to read a novel and complete the accompanying assignment (yellow sheet enclosed). This assignment will be used to discuss the novel in September and it will be collected on Friday, September 18th. All students will be given a graded assignment on their summer reading in September.**

We hope that you and your child enjoy this summer with one or more excellent books!