June 2019

Dear Parents of Eighth-Grade Scholars,

As we near the end of the academic year, I am writing to give your Derryfield student his/her summer reading assignment for eighth grade.

This summer, students should:

1. **Read our Middle School anchor text,** *Restart,* by Gordon Korman.

2. **Choose and read at least one** book from the following list:
   - *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly
   - *All’s Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson
   - *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
   - *Hidden Figures Young Readers’ Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly

3. **Read at least one** independent reading book of their choice. Suggestions can be found on the DS Milne Library webpage.

Of course, students are encouraged to read beyond the required texts! It is also my hope that your child will **write me a short note** over the summer to tell me what he/she has enjoyed reading. Students can send their mail to me via the Derryfield School address or by email at (dbaroody@derryfield.org).

When students return to school in September, they will be discussing and reflecting on their reading in creative ways. Therefore, it is important that students bring their summer reading books to class for the first few weeks of school. These books can be found in most libraries, in bookstores, or online. An e-book edition will work just fine. You should feel free to listen to the audiobook version, though your child will want a print or digital copy as well.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful, restful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

David Baroody
8th Grade English Teacher