June 2020

Dear Parents of Rising Eighth-Grade Scholars,

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

This summer, students should:

1. Read our Middle School anchor text, *New Kid* by Jerry Kraft.

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

3. Read an 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 texts listed above! It is also our hope that your child will write me a short note during August to share what they enjoyed reading. Should they elect to do so, students can send their mail to me via the Derryfield School address or by email ([ileen@derryfield.org](mailto:ileen@derryfield.org) and [dbracoody@derryfield.org](mailto:dbracoody@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.

We wish you a wonderful, restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

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