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Dear Levittown Families,

It has been an unprecedented year navigating hybrid, remote, and in-person learning. Summer is right around the corner! With that being said, we are embarking on our Summer Reading Extravaganza for Summer 2021 to maintain routine and consistency for our students. We are utilizing our Summer Reading text as part of the students' core curriculum when they enter their new grade in the fall.

Each student entering grades 6, 7, 8 is required to read the text entitled Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea. The only requirement that we ask of your child is to read the book. They must do so thoughtfully and must be prepared to come to class on September 2, 2021 ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read. Simply skimming the book will not be acceptable. Students are encouraged to use post-its to gather thoughts and quotes that resonate with them along the way, but please do not annotate or highlight in these books.

To enhance the students' engagement with this novel, we have partnered with the Levittown Public Library and will be hosting virtual Book Discussion Days via Zoom sessions. The dates are as follows: **July 21, August 11, and August 30 from 7:00-8:00PM**. There will be a lively book discussion, games, and a chance to enter our virtual raffle boxes on each of these days. This is a voluntary component to the Summer Reading Extravaganza. Please be sure to register through the Levittown Public Library if you wish to attend one of the Book Discussion Days. <https://www.levittownpl.org>

In addition to the Book Discussion Days, there will be a dynamic website to explore. Simply click on the "logo button" (see image above) from Wisdom's or Salk's home page. Here you will find videos, a "Creativity Page" that will provide a channel for your child to share their interpretation of what they have read, a moderated blog page for students to engage in online discussions with fellow students, and many additional activities to explore throughout the summer months.

The Summer Reading Extravaganza will also be connected to the Levittown Public Library's Summer Reading program. Every time you visit the Levittown Public Library's website over the summer, you will also get a chance to enter their virtual raffle to win special prizes!

Thank you for your support and encouragement with this initiative. This will help us succeed in getting our students prepared for their new grade level in the fall and encourage the love of reading. I wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,
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