



Summer Reading

Dear Parents,

Hull Middle School is happy to announce our summer reading program for the school year 2009-2010. We are excited about this opportunity for our students! This independent reading opportunity allows students to expand learning beyond the classroom. All rising seventh grade students are asked to read the same novel over the summer. Your child is required to read the novel Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer for his/her language arts class.

Hope Was Here is a story with engaging characters, humor, and a well-paced plot. ... This 2001 Newbery Honor Book tells the story of Hope, who leaves New York City with her Aunt Maddie when Maddie takes a job at a diner in a small Wisconsin town. Hope soon becomes involved in local politics when the diner's owner runs for mayor.

Winner of the 2003 Young Reader's Choice Award, Senior Division

Winner of the Christopher Award

An ALA Notable Book

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This novel is a popular title and is available at local bookstores and libraries as well as most online book services, such as amazon.com.

Students will read the book during the summer, and **complete the assignment on the back** of this sheet. The assignment will be due during the second week of school. Students should also expect a short reading comprehension **quiz** on the book. During the first couple of weeks of school, you may be required to complete an **in-class assignment** for your language arts teacher using the book you read. Of course, you are **encouraged to read more than one book, but only one assignment is required.**

We are very excited about our Summer Reading Program! We look forward to seeing you next fall and discussing this great book. Happy Reading!



Seventh Grade Language Arts Teachers