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Dear Parents,

The children of Sherman have grown tremendously as readers this year, and we want to encourage them to read as much as possible over the summer. For the past several years, Sherman School has participated in the Governor's Reading Challenge to promote summer reading. This year, we are also encouraging students to read as many of the Nutmeg Book Award nominees as they can. Visit the Nutmeg [website](https://www.nutmegaward.org/) (https://www.nutmegaward.org/) for more information about each title. The Nutmeg nominees are chosen by children's librarians and school library media specialists from around the state. Students in grades 2-12 vote on their favorite book to choose the winner of the award.

Books are nominated for a Nutmeg Award in four categories: Elementary (2-3), Intermediate (4-5), Middle School (7-8), and High School. Nominees from the Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle School categories will be available at the Sherman Library. In addition, copies will be available at the Sherman School Library. During the summer months, students can check out a copy of the Nutmeg books from the Sherman School library by emailing Dr. Karen Fildes, Director of Teaching and Learning, at fildesk@shermanschool.com and arranging for pickup.

As always, teachers have curated a list of other suggested titles for students to read throughout the summer. In addition, each child will be given a book to get them started on their summer reading. Many teachers will be planning activities related to these books, so students should bring them back to school in August. All books and magazines that children read should be listed in their Governor's Reading Challenge Journal. Finally, each student should fill out their Summer Reading Bingo sheet. Children should bring their completed Reading Journals and Bingo sheets to school in August. Thank you so much for your support!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at flynn@shermanschool.com.

Happy reading!

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