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Dear Warriors,

Summer will be here before we know it. This year we have made some exciting changes to the summer reading program. In addition to reading at least one free choice book, all students entering fifth through eighth grade will be reading the same book, *Restart*, by Gordon Korman. Along with encouraging the reading of multiple books, the One School-One Book initiative is designed to build community and a shared experience.

When reading *Restart*, staff, students, and their families will embark on a journey to discover what happens when a well-known bully gets the rare chance to "restart" his life as a middle schooler. Will he choose to continue down a negative path or will he begin to treat those around him with respect and kindness?

Throughout the summer, the students and parents will have the opportunity to come to Markham Place for book club discussions related to the novel. During this time, a variety of staff members will hold discussions, read chapters from the book aloud, and offer activities that tie into the novel. The schedule is attached and all students and parents are welcome to attend.

Additionally, all students will have joined two Google Classrooms for their summer reading assignments. The #restart classroom will provide guided questions the students may refer to and are encouraged to respond to throughout their reading of *Restart*. The other classroom, #MPSSummerreading, will be where students can blog about their additional free choice summer reading novel(s). On this classroom, students are invited to complete two blog posts using the various prompts that will be provided.

We are excited about sharing this reading experience as a community. We hope that you take advantage of the book club discussions and the opportunity to spend time reading with your children. We look forward to starting the 2018-2019 school-year on the same page, and "restarting" on a positive note.

Committed to Excellence,

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Summer Reading Book Club Schedule

Are you interested in reading *Restart* by Gordon Korman with your favorite teachers and fellow Warriors? If so, *let's get together* for a summer reading book club on Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 at the Markham Place Library.

To participate, please read the assigned chapters and don't forget to check out the #Restart Google Classroom to review some of the guiding questions.

Summers are busy, so come to one book club or come to them all! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Reader Responsibility <u>PRIOR</u> to Meeting ***The conversation and ability to participate will be more beneficial if the students come to the book club meeting having read the assigned chapters.**	**Meeting Date**
Chapters 1-4	**Tuesday, July 10**
Chapters 5-8	**Tuesday, July 17**
Chapters 9-12	**Tuesday, July 24**
Chapters 13-16	**Tuesday, July 31**
Chapters 17-19	**Tuesday, August 7**
Chapters 20-22	**Tuesday, August 14**
Chapters 23-26	**Tuesday, August 21**
Chapters 27-30	**Tuesday, August 28**