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Dear Saint Giles Families,

It is hard to believe the school year has come to an end. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are looking forward to having your child this fall in our classrooms. We want them to continue to be prepared for the next school year and avoid Summer Slide. Summer Slide is simply the loss of academic skills over the summer break. There are many ways to help avoid the summer slide. One way is to read *every day*. Local libraries and bookstores have great summer reading programs with incentives and rewards for books read over the summer.

Below is a list of five books and an associated project. The projects will be due August 23<sup>rd</sup>. (The second day of school.)

- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.
  - Make an 8 slide Powerpoint presentation showing specifically how the Olweus program would have helped Ally. (Think how each of our rules would apply)
  
- You are Here by Jennifer E. Smith
  - Take a map of the northeastern United States and put an icon for each place that Emma stops on her road trip. Put why she stopped at each place. (three sentences or more for each stop)
  
- Skink No Surrender by Carl Hiaason
  - Hiaason has great environmental heroes in his books. Think of a super hero name for Skink. Create an 8 slide powerpoint introducing your super hero and telling us of his exploits in the book.
  
- Red Pencil by Andres Davis Pinkney
  - Film yourself interviewing Amira. Ask 10 questions that will not be answered by a simple yes or no. Focus on how different her life is from yours.
  
- Ungifted by Gordon Korman
  - Draw a picture of 5 of the action scenes from this book. Make a power point of your drawings with quotes from the book for captions. These may not be stick figure drawings.

Yours truly,  
Saint Giles 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers