

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an effort to promote literacy and student achievement, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School is excited to present our Summer Reading Program. Students who take long breaks from learning can face academic setbacks. This problem is especially prominent during the summer, when students may lose more than two months of progress. We would like to avoid this issue for your child.

Motivating children to read throughout the year is essential to building lifelong learners, and reading is the doorway to all other learning as it helps bridge the gap between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. When parents encourage children to practice reading at home with you and alone at school, the children make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who do not read. Our school district uses the Accelerated Reader Literacy Program, which identifies students' reading levels, suggests books at the appropriate independent reading level, and asks students to take a brief quiz once the book is read to check comprehension.

**We need your help!** We are asking each student read a minimum of **one** book this summer

**Option 1:** Come into our Library Media Center to take an AR book quiz once the book is completed. E.C. Goodwin's Library Media Center (LMC) will be open Monday to Friday: **July 2-July 27, 2018** from **8:00-12:00 (closed on the holiday-July 4)**. Students may read books and enjoy a quiet space to read.

**Option 2:** Do the character trading card assignment which is due **August 31, 2018**. They will need to hand this in to their English or trade teacher.

Also, these documents, an exemplar, and a rubric will be posted on our website at <http://goodwin.cttech.org/>

We hope that you will support this program for your child.

Sincerely,

*Dorú A. Kowar*

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