

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 with you at home and alone at school, the children make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who do not read.

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

**Summer Reading Assignment:** Do the character trading card assignment, which is due **September 4, 2020**. They will need to hand this in to their English or trade teacher.

Also, these documents, exemplars, and template will be posted on our website at <http://goodwin.cttech.org/>

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

Sincerely,

*Jerome J. Barner*

E.C. Goodwin Library Media Department Head

Summer Reading Coordinator

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