



May 26, 2015

Dear Middle School Families,

As you head off into summer vacation, we are busy preparing for the opening of school in the fall. We are excited to begin the planning and preparation for the coming year.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the required summer reading novel(s). In addition to the reading, please note there is also a summer reading assignment to be completed by the start of school. The reading and the completed assignment should all be brought to school and given to your child's Language Arts teacher on the first day.

Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Kristi Combs  
Principal

Jennifer LeVine  
Assistant Principal



## **2015 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading**

Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Kadima Day School are required to read at least one book during the summer; however, it is suggested that you read two additional books of your choosing. Please read the required novel last, as we will be discussing this book during the first two weeks of school.

**Required Selection:**

**Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson**

\*Please note: The novel needs to be annotated

\*This needs to be completed and turned in on the first day of school.

Language Arts 8  
Summer Reading Assignment

Speak Essay

Please complete the below essay question after you finish reading Speak.  
Use the format below for your essay.

**Essay Topic:**

Write an essay using specific examples from Speak to clearly analyze how the symbol of a tree represents Melinda's emotional and mental growth to deal with what happened to her.

Your essay should be typed, double - spaced, size 12 font. Remember to write in present tense.

**Essay Format:**

Sentence 1: Thesis

Sentence 2: First Example

Sentence 3: Quote

Sentence 4: Explain Quote

Sentence 5: Transition into Second Example

Sentence 6: Quote

Sentence 7: Explain Quote

Sentence 8: Concluding Sentence