



**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

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April 8, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As this school year draws to an end and we prepare for summer vacations, we would like to remind you that according to the M-DCPS Comprehensive Reading Plan, students are required to read during the summer. The required summer reading list is shown below.

Students are asked to maintain a daily reading schedule and sign the attached reading log. The majority of books shown below are Accelerated Readers, and once the school year begins, the child's teacher may request that the student take an Accelerated Reader on each book read during the summer or complete another assignment. If an Accelerated Reader is required, the test will be taken here at Ponce Middle School, and the test results given to the language arts teacher during the first quarter. The summer reading log and other summer reading requirements specified by the teacher will be included for a grade during the first quarter of the 2013 academic year.

**During summer, the most updated summer requirements can be found at [ponce.dadeschools.net](http://ponce.dadeschools.net).**

**Required Summer Reading for Ponce Middle School  
2013-2014**

**Language Arts**

All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will read: *Middle School: My Brother Is a Big, Fat Liar* (Patterson & Papademetriou) and *Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life* (Patterson & Tebbetts).

All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will read: *Life as We Knew It* (Pfeffer) and *The Lost Hero* (Riordan).

All incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will read: *Virals* (Reichs) and *Seizures* (Reichs).

Students in the advanced or gifted program will be required to select a third book from the list provided by the Miami-Dade County Public School Language Arts Department. The list will be available at [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net) during the summer.

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely yours,

Martha C. Chang  
Principal



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### **Reading Achievement Log**

I have read for 30 minutes daily from June 8, 2013 through August 18, 2013

1. Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PONCE DE LEON MIDDLE SCHOOL Academic Honesty Policy**

Ponce de Leon Middle School promotes personal integrity in all areas of life including the learning process. The goal of Ponce Middle School's Academic Honesty Policy is to ensure that teachers, students, and parents understand and practice values and skills that result in an academically honest environment.

As part of Approaches to Learning, students learn the value of thoughtful investigation, of giving others credit for their work, and of synthesizing information so that it becomes part of the students' body of knowledge, rather than an empty exercise in copying others' creations. Students also learn to recognize when collaboration is appropriate and when it is not appropriate.