

June 2006

To: Incoming Seventh and Eighth Grade Students and their Parents

From: Sinaloa English Department

Re: STRETCH (Summer Time Reading Experiences Transform Children's Habits)

STRETCH is a summer reading program for Sinaloa students who will enter the 7th or 8th grade in August 2006. It is the hope of all teachers at Sinaloa that our middle school students **READ** this summer. To encourage this activity, the members of our English Department have developed this reading program that we call **STRETCH**.

Students, you are asked to read two (2) books from our approved book list before you enter school in August. These books should be books that you have not previously read. After completing each book, your teachers request follow-up written responses to the reading assignment. The written response is detailed on the back of this letter. The due date for turn-in of these written responses to your 7th or 8th grade teacher is during the first week of school. A parent statement and signature indicating that you have read the book for the first time must be attached to each written response. The grades from these assignments will figure significantly in your first quarter English grade.

The book lists and the format for the written responses will be displayed on the window of the Sinaloa library and the campus bulletin board next to Room 210, posted on the Sinaloa website, and available at the Novato Public Library.



STRETCH Commitment

Complete this form and return it to your current English teacher by _____.

Student's Name (print) _____

We have read both the letter and the written response requirements for the STRETCH reading assignment and will make certain that it is complete by the first week of the 2006-07 school year.

Student signature

Parent signature