Dear Parent,

Gone are the days when one’s favourite pastime used to be reading books. Now in the age of social networking and gaming, reading books as a habit is slowly and gradually becoming obsolete. Reading not only develops our vocabulary but also increases a person’s attention span.

Developing a habit of reading books early in life leads to a lifelong love for books in children. It encourages a thirst for knowledge.

Reading is such a pleasurable experience that children will not waste time in activities which lead to nil or minimum learning such as computer games, social networking, watching TV, etc. We, at The Maurya School, in order to inculcate a habit of reading are coming up with the system of Read & Reward, where any student who reads twenty age appropriate books in a year will be recognized and rewarded. Students can read a title suggested by the school or get the book approved from their English teacher.

The student has to undergo a small oral test conducted by his/ her English teacher to ascertain that the book has been read and understood. The circular is being given so that the students can judiciously utilize their vacation to read as many titles as possible. As this is a pilot project, the students can only read books in English language. Once we are successful with this scheme, it will be introduced for the books in our mother tongue as well. The suggested titles are printed overleaf. I urge the parents to encourage their ward to read more and more books. The library will also be open on all working days of the vacation for the students to issue books.

Kind Regards

[Signature]
Shalini Bajaj
Head of the School
Suggested Authors and their Works for Class IX & X

- **Charles Dickens** - A Christmas Carol
- **Daniel Defoe** - Robinson Crusoe
- **H G Wells** - The Time Machine
- **Emily Bronte** - Wuthering Heights
- **Agatha Christie** - And Then There Were None, Murder on the Orient Express
- **R K Narayan** - Malgudi Days, Swami and Friends, The Vendor of Sweets, The Dark Room
- **Vikram Seth** - A Suitable Boy, The Golden Gate
- **Arundati Roy** - The God of Small Things
- **Amish Tripathi** - The Shiva Triology
- **Alexander Dumas** - The Count of Monte Cristo
- **Frances Hodgson Burnett** - Little Lord Fauntelroy, The Secret Garden, A Little Princess
- **Rudyard Kipling** - The Jungle Book
- The Wizard of Oz

Note: Read the unabridged versions.