Dorchester Two’s GATE Summer Reading List
Summer 2019

Reading is an essential skill for all academic work, and the more students read, the better readers they become! Wide recreational reading can extend vocabulary, increase comprehension, and stimulate higher order thinking. We want the best learning experiences for our children in Dorchester Two!

Every student participating in Dorchester Two’s Gifted & Talented Education (GATE) program has been asked to read the following novels this summer:

- **Rising 4th grade GATE students** – Choice of one of the following:
  - *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare
  - *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O’Dell
  - *Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks
  - *Sacajawea* by Judith St. George

- **Rising 5th grade GATE students** – Choice of one of the following:
  - *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
  - *Restart* by Gordon Korman
  - *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

- **Rising 6th grade GATE students** – *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen

- **Rising 7th grade GATE students** – *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

- **Rising 8th grade Advanced/GATE Literature Composition students AND Rising 8th grade English 1 Honors students**
  - *The Last Book in the Universe* by Rodman Philbrick

These novels are aligned with the concepts and themes addressed throughout the year in the GATE ELA classes; therefore students will have multiple opportunities to showcase and connect their new learning with their already present knowledge.

Thank you for your assistance in providing books for our students and assisting us in encouraging a life-long love of reading! Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Anita Collier at 843-821-3960. Have a great summer!