Dear Parents and Students,

Every student that will be attending Bruner in the 2015-2016 school year will be required to read one novel over the summer. We feel that this will keep students interested in reading, engaged in learning, and prepared for the year ahead.

- This year all students taking language arts for 7th grade will be reading the following book:

**Chomp by Carl Hiassen**

A Rollicking Eco-Adventure from a Popular Author!

Filled with his trademark quirky characters and offbeat humor, this novel by best-selling author Carl Hiassen combines wild animals, reality TV, and hilarious high jinks!

Wahoo’s dad, Mickey, is an animal wrangler, and the backyard of their Everglades home is crawling with gators, snakes, monkeys, and other wild creatures. Unfortunately, Mickey hasn’t been able to work since he was injured in a freak accident (a dead iguana fell on his head), and money has been a little tight. So, despite his injuries, Mickey decides to take a job with a reality TV show called Expedition Survival, but he’s going to need Wahoo’s help. Dealing with deadly animals like a 12-foot-long alligator is hard enough. Throw in an out-of-control host and a crazed gunman, and Wahoo’s not sure anyone will survive this survival show!

After reading the book, students will complete the worksheets included in the Summer Reading Packet. All worksheets should be completed and turned in for a grade to your 7th Grade Language Arts teacher by August 28, 2015. The worksheets will also be available online at www.brunerspartans.com. Once school begins, we will continue working with this novel in class, so although it is not necessary to have purchased the novel, it is imperative you read it.

You may purchase the book at the School’s Spring Book Fair, May 12-15, borrow from a sibling, or check one out from the public library.

Please help us in encouraging an interest in reading in your child. We look forward to working with you and teaching your child in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Bruner 7th grade Language Arts Teachers
Be a Reading Detective:  
Find Clues to Support Your Predictions

This strategy helps you... predict what will happen next. You'll want to read on to confirm or adjust your hunches.

Directions: You will stop three times to make predictions and then read on to find support for your predictions. Once you've finished, adjust predictions that were off target by providing new support; use a separate sheet of paper.

Prediction #1: Read the title, study the cover illustration, and read the first chapter; then predict what you think the problem will be about. Give support.

Prediction #2: Read halfway through your book and predict what will happen next. Give support.

Prediction #3: Before reading the last chapter or two (depending on the book's length), predict how the book will end. Give support.

Title and Author of Book ____________________________

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Vocabulary Enrichment for *Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen

Instructions: Write down ten vocabulary words from the novel. Write the page number and the entire sentence from the book. Look up the definition in a dictionary or on the internet and fill in the chart.

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## Compare and Contrast Characters
**Chomp by Carl Hiaasen**

**Instructions:** Record the similarities and differences of Wahoo and Tuna.

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Cause and Effect Conflicts

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

Instructions: Record four conflicts in the novel. Then record what effect the conflict caused.

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<th>Effect</th>
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<td>Example: Lack of money (cause)</td>
<td>Effect: Susan had to take a job out of the country.</td>
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Use Text Organization: Making a Story Map

A story map charts the main elements of a story. Fill out the story map below as you read a short story, drama, novel, or narrative poem.

Title of the Selection: _______________________________________

Author of the Selection: _______________________________________

NAME OF MAIN CHARACTER (PROTAGONIST)

NAME OF ANTAGONIST

SETTING

MOOD

CENTRAL CONFLICT

MAJOR EVENTS IN PLOT

INCITING INCIDENT:

RIISING ACTION:

CLIMAX OR TURNING POINT:

FALLING ACTION:

RESOLUTION:

DÉNOUEMENT:

THEME:
Chomp Quiz

1. What is Wahoo’s dad’s name?
   a. Jared Gordon
   b. Mickey Cray
   c. Tuna Gordon
   d. Derek Badger

2. How did Wahoo’s dad get a head injury?
   a. car accident
   b. motorcycle accident
   c. a chicken bit him
   d. a dead iguana fell on his head

3. What kind of animal is Alice?
   a. alligator
   b. chicken
   c. tortoise
   d. snake

4. Tuna lives in the parking lot of what business?
   a. Taco Bell
   b. Wal-Mart
   c. Target
   d. McDonald’s

5. What is the name of the reality TV show that was being filmed in the Everglades?
   a. Expedition Survival!
   b. Surviving the Great Outdoors!
   c. Ailigators and Lizards Live!
   d. Run For Your Life!

6. What is the name of the reality TV show’s star survivalist?
   a. Wahoo Cray
   b. Derek Badger
   c. Raven Stark
   d. Tuna Gordon

7. What is one of the items the kids bring with them while camping in the Everglades?
   a. Gatorade
   b. nail polish
   c. toilet paper
   d. Diet Coke

8. Where is Wahoo’s mom?
   a. Tokoyo
   b. Africa
   c. China
   d. Canada

9. Who is Jerry Germaine?
   a. Tuna’s dad
   b. Wahoo’s mom
   c. the producer of the reality show
   d. the star of the reality show

10. What is the name of the business that Tuna calls her dad from in the Everglades?
    a. Sickler’s Souvenir Shop
    b. Chicken and Waffles
    c. Al’s Airboats
    d. Sexton’s Seafood

11. Why does Tuna want to leave her father?
    a. She wants to own her own shop in the Everglades.
    b. He is an alcoholic who abuses her.
    c. She wants to be Wahoo’s girlfriend.
    d. He spoils her with expensive gifts and she wants to be independent.

12. What animal bites Derek on the tongue making him go crazy?
    a. snake
    b. turtle
    c. chicken
    c. bat
13. Does Mickey Cray die?
   a. yes
   b. no

14. Does Jared Gordon go to jail?
   a. yes
   b. no

15. Does Derek Badger keep his job?
   a. yes
   b. no

16. Does Raven return to making reality TV shows?
   a. yes
   b. no

17. Does Link live?
   a. yes
   b. no

18. Does Wahoo’s mom die?
   a. yes
   b. no

19. Does Alice get put to sleep?
   a. yes
   b. no

20. Did you like this book?
   a. yes
   b. no