

June 2021

Dear Students and Families,

Attached please find the John W. Wynn Middle School summer reading assignment. As a school community, our goal is to foster a love of reading and develop a sense of community by participating in reading the same book before the 2021-2022 school year. The Wynn Middle School English Language Arts teachers are inviting the whole school to celebrate *Forget Me Not* at the beginning of the new school year. We intend to use the shared experience of a single story to help shape the culture of our school and its community. By taking part in this summer reading, you are not just completing a school assignment; you are actively becoming a member of the John W. Wynn Middle School community and shaping the culture of our school.

The summer reading novel, *Forget Me Not* by Ellie Terry, will be made available to you through a partnership with the John W. Wynn Middle School Parent Advisory Committee. The reading assignment will be due upon your return to school in early September. The final date for passing in the written responses will be Tuesday, September 9, 2021.

Reading is a life-long skill that will open doors and experiences for you, and the ability to read is crucial to your success both in school and on the job. The John W. Wynn Middle School faculty also recognizes the importance of using literature to build a culture and welcomes your informed input and insight in regards to this endeavor.

Your teachers look forward to discussing the adventures experienced through reading *Forget Me Not* upon your return to school. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

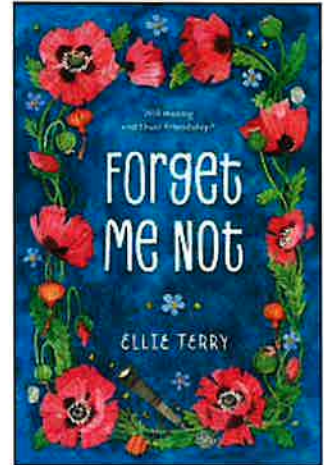
John Weir  
Wynn Middle School Principal  
Teachers of the English Language Arts Department

## Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry Summer Reading Assignment

### **Publisher's Summary of the Novel:**

Astronomy-loving Calliope June has Tourette syndrome, so she sometimes makes faces or noises that she doesn't mean to make. When she and her mother move yet again, she tries to hide her TS. But it isn't long before the kids at her new school realize she's different. Only Calliope's neighbor, who is also the popular student body president, sees her as she truly is--an interesting person and a good friend. But is he brave enough to take their friendship public?

As Calliope navigates school, she must also face her mother's new relationship and the fact that they might be moving--again--just as she starts to make friends and finally accept her differences.



Ellie Terry's affecting debut will speak to a wide audience about being true to oneself.

### **Summer Reading Assignment:**

In addition to reading the novel, you will be required to complete a creative writing task related to the novel over the summer.

### [Summer Reading Creative Writing Assignment Options](#)

Upon return to school, you will complete a project-based assignment on the novel. You should also consider and be prepared to discuss the following topics in literature circles:

- Callie's relationship with her mother
- The significance of Callie's rock collection
- The role bullying plays in the story
- The language of flowers and the significance of the poppy
- Jinsong's role as student body president
- The style of Callie and Jinsong's chapters and how the verse and prose reflect the voice of the characters

The audio version of this book is available through Hoopla and can be accessed through the Tewksbury Public Library. [Click here for instructions.](#)