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To: All Middle School Students and Parents
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Re: Required Summer Reading

As you begin to plan your summer, don't forget to plan time to read.

Summer reading is required for all Middle School Students. Every student will be expected to read three (3) books, as indicated below. Please be prepared to discuss and to write about each of these books when school begins on September 1st.

I encourage you to read actively. You will want to highlight as you read, underline, make notes in margins, etc. I would suggest you purchase the books because they will be needed for class work when you return to school. This active reading will facilitate discussion and writing about the book when you return in the fall. Nothing improves reading skills like reading. Family discussions about books provide wonderful times to interact with your children, highlight interests and improve their reading comprehensions. Have a great summer and read, read, read.

Students entering **6th** grade will read:

Peak by Roland Smith, and
Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech, and
Where The Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Students entering **7th** grade will read:

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson, and
Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen, and
White Fang by Jack London

Students entering **8th** grade will read:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton, and
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie and
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins