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To: All Middle School Students and Parents  
From: Dr. Spurlock  
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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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 6<sup>th</sup> grade will read:

*Elijah of Buxton*, by Christopher Paul Curtis, and  
*The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan, and  
*Where The Red Fern Grows*, by Wilson Rawls

Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will read:

*Fever, 1793*, by Laurie Halse Anderson, and  
*Revenge of the Whale*, by Nathaniel Philbrick, and  
*White Fang*, by Jack London

Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade will read:

*The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, and  
*And Then There Were None*, Agatha Christie and  
*Summer of My German Soldier*, by Bette Greene