

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Seventh and Eighth Graders:

While your children are beginning what is sure to be a wonderful summer vacation, we also want to make sure that our students are able to maintain all of the reading and thinking skills that they have strengthened during this school year. When it come to English class, we think the best way to maintain these gains is through consistent, engaged reading. We also know that you want to help prepare them for a successful start to the next academic year. Since reading is the foundation of all learning, we feel that it is essential for students to spend some time reading this summer. Therefore, to do our best to maintain reading stamina and foundational reading gains and strengths, we are requiring all incoming seventh and eighth grade students to read one book this summer.

Seventh Grade – *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

For study purposes, it is important that all students have the same novel, so please purchase it from Amazon. The paperback is \$5.41. The ISBN -13 number is 978-1416936473.

Eighth Grade – *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

For study purposes, it is important that all students have the same novel, so please purchase it from Amazon. The paperback is \$7.69. The ISBN-13 number is 978-054433626.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Myers
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