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RE: SUMMER READING PROGRAM
SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE

Dear Parents and Students:

In an effort to improve reading skills and to encourage our Middle School students to value reading, we have compiled the following summer reading lists by grade level. These works are readily available in local libraries as well as bookstores in Albany.

We strongly recommend that students read at least one of the books listed during the summer months and complete an essay on that work. Attached, please find the essay questions and requirements. This essay will be evaluated in September and assigned enrichment and/or extra credit for the first marking period.

We hope that the summer months will provide the opportunity for pleasure and enrichment through reading.

Sincerely,

Middle School English Language Arts Teachers

Brian W. Reeve
Middle School Principal

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Summer 2016 Reading List

7th Grade

Rules – Lord

Mockingbird – Erskin

Monkey Island – Fox

Flipped – Draanen

The Schwa was Here - Shusterman

Al Capone Does My Shirts - Choldenko

Treasure Island – Stevenson

The Time Machine – Wells

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi

The Cage – Sender

Where the Red Fern Grows – Rawls

Rocky Road – Kent

Hero – Lupica

8th Grade

Across Five Aprils – Hunt

Summer of the Monkeys – Rawls

The Year Without Michael – Pfeffer

The Red Pyramid – Riordan

Tunnels – Gordon and Williams

Cirque de Freak: A Living Nightmare – Shan

If I Stay – Forman

Where She Went (Sequel to If I Stay) – Forman

Alligator Bayou – Napoli

Wicked Girls: Novel of the Salem Witch Trials – Hemphill

The Chosen One – Lynch Williams

Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons – Rinaldi

The Graveyard Book – Gaiman

Witness – Hesse

After reading your summer reading book, complete a **four-paragraph** essay that answers **one** of the following questions. Your essay should include an introductory paragraph, two body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.

1. Write an analysis of the main character, including your first impression of the character, and show the ways your first impressions have grown and changed.
2. What was an important problem in the story? How was it solved?
3. Would you be friends with the main character in your book? Based on the character's behaviors, explain why or why not.
4. Do any of the events in this book remind you of any events that you have faced in your own life?

* Please make sure that your essay includes the name of the book, author, and provides several details from the book to support your ideas. *