

Middle School English Summer Reading Project

*Please choose at least **one** book listed for the grade you are entering. For each book you read, you are responsible for completing **one project in addition** to giving an oral report in September.*

Reading List:

Grade 6:

Stand Tall by Joan Bauer

Define Normal by Julie Anne Peters

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Grade 7:

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtin

Grade 8:

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy Gary D. Schmidt

The Cartoonist by Betsy Byars

Reading Projects:

1. *Design a new book cover. Be sure to include the front and the back of the book, along with the title and author. Your cover should be on poster paper. You should be prepared to also discuss the importance of the images you place on your cover.*
2. *Make a hard copy journal for one of the main characters. There should be at least 20 short journal entries (about 3-5+ sentences each) that reveal to us what the character is thinking as he/she moves through the plotline. You may choose to use Microsoft PowerPoint instead to display your journal through several slides about the main character chosen. You are still required to incorporate 3-5+ sentences per entry. Be creative and add pictures!*
3. *Take two important scenes from the book, develop them, and then act them out. In other words, act out the scenes using your own words and phrases (although some can be used from the book to help you out) in order to convey the same meaning portrayed. Be ready to turn in a written copy of everything.*

If you choose to read all three books then complete a project and oral report required for each, you may earn up to 10 points to be used toward a low test grade OR earn a dress down certificate for each additional book assignment fulfilled.

Enjoy your summer!!!
Miss Gorczynski