

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2010 SUMMER READING

All students entering Middle School (5th, 6th, 7th grades) will be required to complete summer reading book reports. Students may go to Mrs. Dunphy's portal or www.arbookfind.com for suggestions for titles.

5th Grade

Incoming 5th grade students are required to read **a total of four selections**. For three of the titles, students may choose one fiction novel, one nonfiction book (biography or autobiography), and one short story that are 5th grade level appropriate; although, additional reading is always encouraged. Students are to **complete the attached summer packet forms**. The completed reports **are to be written neatly in ink and in cursive**. The packet is to be **returned to the 5th grade language arts teacher on the first day of school**.

In addition to the three titles of choice, **all 5th grade students are required to read *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls**. This book does not require a summary and may not count for one of the three book reports; however, students will be **tested on the novel** during the first weeks of school after discussing the book in class.

6th Grade and 7th Grade

Students are required to read **four selections** from the following:

one or two novels and

one or two nonfiction titles (autobiography, biography, how-to)

and one short story

For the above selections, students may choose any title that is on or above grade level. **For each of the four selections of choice**, students will **use the attached summer packet reports for a typed format**. **The completed reports must be typed using a 14 point, Times New Roman font**. **All reports must be returned to the language arts teacher on the first day of school**.

In addition, all 6th grade students are required to read *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, and all 7th grade students are required to read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. No summary is required; however, students will be tested on the novel during the first weeks of school after discussing the books in class.

**SUMMER READING REPORT
FOR SHORT STORY, NOVEL, and NONFICTION**

Title of book: _____

(Circle one) short story novel nonfiction

Author: _____

Number of pages: _____

Setting (time and place) for fiction: _____

Main character(s) for fiction or topic(s) for nonfiction:

For fiction: Describe this character (age, physical appearance, and qualities). Do you admire this character? Explain why or why not in a well-written paragraph of at least three sentences.

For nonfiction: Why did you choose this topic? What is the most interesting fact(s) you learned about it? Explain in three well-written sentences.

