

To: Rising 7th Grade Students and Parents  
From: Ms. Newell

### Summer Reading Assignment 2016

This summer I hope that you will read much more than the required because not only is reading a window into history, adventure, and romance, but it is also a beautiful way to increase your vocabulary and improve your writing. I want you to read for fun as well as to read in order to learn.

Please purchase your books for summer reading. They are all available at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon. You will bring your annotated books with you in the fall. You will receive a grade for your annotations, and you will have a test over the book(s) the first week of school.

#### 7th Grade

*Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonneblick

Choose one book from the attached list

#### 7th Honors

*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonneblick

*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

Choose one book from the attached list

For each of your books, you will need to do the following:

- Write a one sentence summary at the end of each chapter in the book.
- Underline your favorite two quotes in each chapter. Put a comment in the margin by each.
- Circle any words that you don't know and write a brief meaning in the margin.
- Pick out two examples of imagery from *each chapter* that make the setting feel concrete or realistic to you and put a star in the margin plus any comments where the passage starts and ends.

You may choose your second book from the following list. Find one that you will enjoy; you will have a chance to do a book talk when you return in the fall to share with other students if you found a book you want others to read.

### *READING LIST FOR 7<sup>th</sup> Graders*

- *Fever, 1793. By Anderson Historical fiction*
- *The Compound. By Bodeen. Suspense*
- *The Hunger Games. By Collins. Science fiction*
- *The Breadwinner. By Ellis. Historical fiction*
- *Mockingbird (Mok'ing'burd). By Erskine*
- *The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum. By Fleming. Biography*
- *The Thief Lord. By Funke. Suspense*
- *Football Genius. By Green. Realistic fiction.*
- *Double Identity. By Haddix. Science fiction-suspense*
- *Stormbreaker. By Horowitz. Suspense*
- *Life As We Knew It. By Pfeffer. Science fiction-suspense*
- *So Be It. By Weeks. Realistic fiction.*
- *Uglies. By Westerfield. Science fiction*
- *Gifted Hands. By Carson. Autobiography*
- *Code Orange. By Cooney. Realistic fiction-suspense*
- *The Pigman. By Zindel. Realistic fiction*

- *Eragon*. By Paolini. Fantasy
- *A Break with Charity*. By Rinaldi. Historical fiction
- *Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth*. By Giblin. Collective biography
- *Million Dollar Throw*. By Lupica. Realistic fiction
- *Peak*. By Smith. Realistic fiction
- *The Bomb*. By Taylor. Non fiction
- *Absolutely Normal Chaos*. By Sharon Creech. Realistic fiction
- *Chew on This: Everything you Don't Want to Know about Fast Food*. Non fiction
- *Wednesday Wars*. By Schmidt. Realistic fiction