

June 15, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

You have come so far with your reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. We hate to see such creative minds stagnate over the summer. Therefore, we are pleased to present this year's summer reading assignment. This reading is required with the goal of enhancing and strengthening comprehension, improving decoding skills, and encouraging the simple pleasure of enjoying a good book. This year, students entering 8th grade are required to read the following books over the summer break.

- 1) *The Land* written by Mildred Taylor
- 2) *The Pearl* written by John Steinbeck
- 3) **An age-appropriate book of student's choice. Your son/daughter chose:**

The books have been given to each student. Please return with the book in September, or you will be charged a \$4.00 fee.

Students **MUST** submit a response to literature via **Google Classroom** by the last day of each month for one of the required books. (See the Google Classroom 8th Grade Reading assignment page.) Also, students will be assessed to provide specific evidence of completion of this assignment during the first weeks of Language Arts class in September.

Parents, we ask that you support this program by encouraging your child to read the assigned books in a timely fashion. Even better, you are encouraged to read along with your child. We firmly believe that reading is not only a skill to be taught and reinforced in the classroom, but a pleasurable experience that should be a part of our lives as lifelong learners. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Have a great summer and happy reading!

Mrs. Laricks