

Dear Parents of 3rd - 8th Grade Students:

*We have a **required summer reading** list for 3rd – 8th grade students. The language arts teachers will begin the 2021-2022 school year with a class discussion of the novel(s), and an assigned written response will serve as a baseline writing sample for each student.*

If your child has already read the designated selection(s), please have him/her read it again. As students learn and grow they read with an expanded knowledge base and gain new insights into literature, and we want the novels to be fresh in their minds to respond appropriately in class.

The list is as follows: *students entering 3rd grade are to read either Like Bug Juice on a Burger by Julie Sternberg or Here's Hank: Bookmarks are People Too! by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver; students entering 4th grade are to read Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo; If your child has already read this book, he/she may read Manatee Blues (Vet Volunteers) by Laurie Halse Anderson; students entering 5th grade are to read any book by Andrew Clements (other than Frindle); students entering 6th grade are to read any 2 books by any of the following authors: Carl Hiaasen, Gary Paulsen or Patricia Reilly Giff (except for Pictures of Hollis Woods); students entering 7th grade are to read The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin and Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech; and students entering 8th grade are to read The Pigman by Paul Zindel (provided) and Pay it Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde (Young Reader's Edition - not provided). Students will need to take the AR tests for both on August 18, 2021. 7th and 8th grade have a small supply of books available in the school office.*

We hope you enjoy your summer and that reading is an active part of your vacation time.

In His Service,

*James K. Richards
Principal*

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