

## Summer Reading Program: Grades 6-8

Dear Students and Parents:

Reading is a wonderful way to meet new books and authors, make new discoveries, keep your literacy skills sharp, and increase your general knowledge. This summer you are going to be asked to read one required reading book and another text of your choice.

### **Summer Reading Goal: To encourage a love of reading in all students**

Summer reading is very different from the reading that we do together in school. You should be reading for enjoyment! You will not have to worry about answering comprehension questions or completing a book report for the first day of school. You do not have to take notes and there will not be a quiz. Instead, you will participate in a discussion based on the driving question for your grade level.

The following list is based off of the grade your child will be entering:

#### **Grade 6**

Required Reading Book: *Restart* by Gordon Korman

Driving Question: How do we overcome adversity?

Additional text of your choice\*

#### **Grade 7**

Required Reading Book: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

Driving Question: What is essential for survival?

Additional text of your choice\*

#### **Grade 8**

Required Reading Book: *That Was Then, This Is Now* by S.E. Hinton

Driving Question: What does it mean to grow up?

Additional text of your choice\*

\*Additional text of your choice - Choose an additional book, article, short story, etc. and explain why you chose this text.

After reading the required novel and the text of their choice, students will complete a response for each text. The response should be at least five sentences and length for both reading selections. For students who have already had my class, you need to format your response according to the Seven Cs. If you have not taken my class yet, please have your starting sentence be the point you are trying to prove in your paragraph. Students will address the driving question for the required text, and students will explain why they chose their free choice. When we all return to school, students will participate in a Socratic Seminar where they will share their thoughts about the driving question based on the required novel and the additional text.

Please feel free to contact me during the summer if you have any questions. I will respond closer to the start of the school year. You can email me at [ceverhart@stlm.org](mailto:ceverhart@stlm.org).

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

All the best,

Miss Cara Everhart