

June 17, 2009

Dear parents and middle school students,

Summer reading is going to be a little different this year. Each grade will be assigned a novel they will read and report on. In addition, each middle school student will need to choose one other book. It is important to select a book that is at the appropriate reading level. If unsure, email me at lhaugsten@verizon.net.

Required reading for:

Sixth grade: *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

Seventh grade: *Crispin: The Lead Cross* by Avi

Eighth grade: *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
 The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox

After reading the required novel, write (in cursive with black pen) or type, a three paragraph summary of the novel. Include the title, author, and the name and description of the three main characters. Remember---a character does not need to be human! This assignment will be graded. We will be doing some activities involving the novel in September.

For the second book (third for eighth grade), students are to create a comic strip. Choose a scene from the novel and make it into a comic strip. It must contain a minimum of five "cels". Please use color. Remember to put the title and author on the back. This report is graded as mandatory extra credit.

All book reports are due Tuesday, September 1.

Enjoy your summer and READ, READ, READ!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lori Haugsten