

June 11, 2010

Dear parents and middle school students,

The following is the required reading for each middle school grade. 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](mailto:lhaugsten@verizon.net).

Required reading for:

Sixth grade:	<i>Where the Red Fern Grow</i>	by Wilson Rawls
Seventh grade:	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	by Madeline L'Engle
Eighth grade:	<i>The Pearl</i> <i>The Giver</i>	by John Steinbeck by Lois Lowry

After reading the required novel, write (in cursive with black pen) or type, a summary of the novel not to be more than three (3) paragraphs. Include the title, author, setting, and the names and descriptions 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 book cover for the novel. For the book cover, fold paper in half—like a book. **On the front cover** include the title and author. Illustrate the cover with original work—not what is on the actual novel. **On the inside cover**, write the setting and the names and descriptions of the three main characters. **On the back cover**, write a one to two paragraph review of the novel. Explain why other people should read the novel. Give an example or two from the novel.

All book reports are due Wednesday, September 1.

Enjoy your summer and READ, READ, READ!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lori Haugsten