

Summer Reading for Rising 7th Graders

Students are required to read four (4) books over the summer and be prepared to discuss them on the first day of school, August 24, 2010.

ENGLISH (two required books)- Choose two from the following list:

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Eldest or *Brisingsr* by Christopher Paolini

Listening for Lions by Gloria Whelan

Flush by Carl Hiaasen

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Schooled by Gordon Korman

Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Kingdom Keepers II, Disney at Dawn by Ridley Pearson

Assignment: While reading these books, consider the **themes of greed, power, and control**. On one **4 x 6 note card** (front & back), record the following information:

- The main character(s)
- The setting (time and place)
- Five to ten (5-10) significant events that are related to the themes of greed, power, and control.

You may refer to this note card when composing a brief essay in class. Be prepared to share your thoughts and discuss your book in terms of the themes mentioned above.

HISTORY – Choose one from the following list:

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic

Three Cups of Tea – student edition by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin

The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

Mud City by Deborah Ellis (sequel to *The Breadwinner*)

Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis (the 3rd book of the Breadwinner Trilogy)

You do not need to turn in a written assignment. You will need to be able to participate in a discussion about your book. Be prepared to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the content and themes.

SCIENCE– Choose one from the following list:

Thunder Cave by Roland Smith

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass (*available in hardcover only*)

Return to school prepared to discuss the book you read and participate in a group activity. Enjoy reading!