**Reading List -- Summer 2017**

**Incoming 8th Graders**

Today’s world offers far too many distractions to lure young people away from reading. Yet, research has shown that students who continue reading during the summer are better prepared to begin school in the fall. Therefore, I would like for each rising 8th grader to read at least three books (in addition to *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*) for pleasure over the summer. Below you will find a list of suggested books, but feel free to read whatever interests you.

**Required**: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. You may read this during the summer or the first week we return to school. Students will write essays in the fall related to this novel. Bring the novel to school our second week back.

**Required**: Memorize one poem of your choice (twelve lines or more) or memorize a section from a longer poem (twelve lines or more). Be prepared to recite it in the fall and share why you have a connection to the poem you selected.

*Prada & Prejudice* by Mandy Hubbard

*House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

*Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer

*Rocket Boys* by Homer H. Hickman, Jr.

*Glint* by J.D. Harper

*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers

*Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly

*Goodnight, Mr. Tom* by Michelle Magorian

*Define “Normal”* by Julie Anne Peters

*Peak* by Roland Smith

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

*The Time Machine* by H. G. Wells

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

*The Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom

*The Moves Make the Man: A Novel* by Bruce Brooks

*I Am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier

*Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe

*Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

*Fever 1793* by Laurie Anderson

*The Truth About Truman School* by Dori H. Butler

*Sarah’s Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

*Battle of Jerico* by Sharon Draper

*Code Talker* by Joseph Bracha

*The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

*Heat* (or other sports novels) by Mike Lupica

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card

*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

*No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon Korman

*The Other Wind* by Ursula Le Guin

*Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keys

*The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

*The Two Princesses of Bamarre* by Gail Carson Levine

*The Riddle of Arandella* by J.D. McBride

*Alanna: The First Adventure* by Tamora Pierce

*Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*Knots in My Yo-yo-String* by Jerry Spinelli

*Fog a Dox* by Bruce Pascoe

*In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer* by Irene Gut Opdyke

*Double Identity* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Switch! The Kingdoms of Karibu* by Karen Prince

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Kid Docs* by Jenny Lynne