

## Summer Reading for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

In order to keep your reading skills sharp over the summer months, consider reading some of the following books:

- ❖ *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- ❖ *The Crystal Ribbon* by Celeste Lim
- ❖ *Orange for the Sunsets* by Tina Athaide
- ❖ *I lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin
- ❖ *City of the Plague God* by Sarwat Chadda
- ❖ *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

For each book, consider completing one of the following activities to help with your comprehension of the reading.

- ❖ Draw a map of the setting (using black ink and color, should include a map key)
- ❖ Write a short story about what the characters would be doing one year later (1 page minimum)
- ❖ Write a letter to the author (1 page minimum)
- ❖ Draw the main character at the climax of the story. Write a short paragraph explaining your drawing. What was happening to the character at this point?
- ❖ Write a book review. Remember to include a few sentences describing the book, as well as a few sentences about why you liked or disliked it. (5-8 sentence paragraph and how many stars you would give it)
- ❖ Describe a lesson that you learned from reading this book. (5-8 sentence paragraph)
- ❖ Choose one character that you think you would be friends with and explain why. (5-8 sentence paragraph)
- ❖ Choose one setting from a book to live in for a week. Why would you live here? (5-8 sentence paragraph)