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2023-2024 REQUIRED SUMMER READING LIST

- Each student **must select a novel from the list below** to read over the summer vacation.
- At the start of the school year, each student will be evaluated in some manner on their selected novel.
- The 5-8 Reading teachers have selected a list of book choices for each grade level.
- Students are encouraged to use the St. Clairsville Public Library and its resources (Libby/Hoopla) to access reading materials. Additionally, the library offers an outstanding summer reading program for our students. Be sure to check it out!
- Students are encouraged to read more than one selection if time permits. Remember, the only way we become better readers is with practice!

5th Grade Selections

- *The Tail of Emily Windsnap* by Liz Kessler
- *Slacker* by Gordon Korman
- *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan
- *Field Tripped* by Allen Woodrow
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *How to Speak Dolphin* by Ginny Rorby
- *The Search for Delicious* by Natalie Babbitt
- *Houdini and Me* by Dan Gutman
- *Leon the Extraordinary* by Jamar Nicholas

6th Grade Selections

- *Abduction* by Peg Kehret
- *Anything but Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- *Take Me to the River* by Will Hobbs
- *So B. It* by Sarah Weeks
- *Sasquatch* by Roland Smith
- *The Killing Sea* by Richard Lewis
- *Flush* by Karl Hassen
- *The Art of Keeping Cool* by Janet Taylor Lisle
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *Athlete vs. Mathlete* by W.C. Mack

7th Grade Selections

- *Perfect* by Natasha Friend
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Words in the Dust* by Trent Reedy
- *Peak* by Roland Smith
- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- *Gossamer* by Lois Lowry
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate
- *Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings

8th Grade Selections

- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Mythology Book for Teens* by Albert Hamilton
- *Freedom Walkers – The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
- *Posted* by John David Anderson
- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel