

DEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMANDS OF HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASSES, I AM ASKING STUDENTS TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN COPIES OF THE CLASS NOVELS. THIS IS SO THEY CAN HIGHLIGHT AND TAKE NOTES IN THE BOOK TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR READING. THIS IS OFTEN REQUIRED IN HIGH SCHOOL. PLEASE PURCHASE THESE BOOKS DURING THE SUMMER SO STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEM AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED DURING THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

I CANNOT EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERATURE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERY LITERATURE ASSIGNMENT IS COMPLETED EACH MONDAY FOR CLASS. ASSIGNMENTS ARE BUILDING BLOCKS TO PREPARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

### **SIXTH GRADE**

MANIAC MCGEE – JERRY SPINELLI

HATCHET – GARY PAULSEN

THE SECRET GARDEN – FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

HOOT – CARL HIAASEN

### **SEVENTH GRADE**

FREAK THE MIGHTY – RODMAN PHILBRICK

TUCK EVERLASTING – NATALIE BABBITT

OLD YELLER – FRED GIPSON

THE GIVER – LOIS LOWRY

### **EIGHTH GRADE**

TANGERINE – EDWARD BLOOR

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA – KATHERINE PATERSON

THE OUTSIDERS – S.E. HINTON

HARRIET TUBMAN: CONDUCTOR ON THE UNDERGROUND  
RAILROAD – ANN PETRY

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.  
PLEASE **DO NOT** READ THESE BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER. IT  
INTERFERES WITH OUR CLASSWORK.