

Each grade has 2 summer reading books: one that I choose and **1 that they choose on their reading level**. We will take tests on both books when we return in August. If a student would like suggestions on their books, they can feel free to contact Mrs. Michelsen over the summer for ideas.

Their first AR goals for the 1st quarter will be 15-20points (depending on reading level) so this should be taken into account when choosing books.... Yes you can read more than the required reading.

Required Reading:

8th grade: *Old Man and the Sea*, by Ernest Hemingway\*\*

7th grade: *Auggie and Me*, by RJ Palacio

6th Grade: *Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paulson

\*\*bear with me 8th grade... we need to learn symbolism and themes and this book is excellent for that.

Notetaking is optional but highly recommended so you have something to review before the AR Tests the last week of August/1st week of September.

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For students and parents looking for growth over the summer:

- Have the students use ReadTheory over the summer, 100KP per week.
- IXL- for reading, grammar, and/or Math.
  - Work in the diagnostic arena to begin with
  - Then use the recommendations tab

I will be thrilled to monitor and/or assist any students that wish to work on any of these over the summer. I know there are quite a few students who were looking to improve their reading levels.