Dear parents and guardians of the middle school grades,

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Ms. Scutt and I will be your child's ELA teacher. I am excited to teach your child in helping them grow in reading and written expression. To better prepare your child, I have prepared a list of grade level books for your child to read over the summer, followed by a reading project to complete and present at the beginning of the school year. I ask that you review the list and the attached Book Report Project: English Language Arts] to prepare your child for the upcoming school year. I look forward to meeting your child and excited to see their creativity.

Thank you and God bless,

Ms. Scutt

Rising 6th grade reading list:

El Deafo by Cece Bell
graphic novel based on the author's life (autobiographical)
Lexile = GN420L
recommended ages = 10-13

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
historical fiction; set in the summer of 1968
Lexile = 750L
recommended ages = 9-12

Ghost by Jason Reynolds
contemporary fiction
Lexile = 730L
recommended ages = 10 - 17

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
science fiction/fantasy
Lexile = 740L
recommended ages = 11-13

Rising 7th grade reading list:

The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
contemporary fiction
Lexile = 640L
recommended ages = 10 - 17

Boys Without Names by Kashira Sheth
contemporary fiction
Lexile = 670L
recommended ages = 9-12

New Kid by Jerry Craft
contemporary fiction graphic novel
Lexile = GN320L
recommended ages = 8-12

Rising 8th grade reading list:

I Survived The Attacks of September 11, 2001 by Lauren Tarshis
graphic novel; historical fiction
Lexile = 630L
recommended ages = 8-11

The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake
genre = fiction set in the late 1990s
Lexile = 640L
recommended ages = 11-13 (mature themes and language)

The Giver by Lois Lowry
genre = dystopian futuristic science fiction
Lexile = 760L
recommended ages = 12-17