



**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
SUMMER READING**

**2014**

▶ **Grade 8 Summer Reading**

▶ Pick one of the books below to read before the start of the school year. Take notes on plot details (conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution). Bring these notes to Language Arts class the first day of school.

▶ Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane

▶ The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway

▶ A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith

▶ Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton

▶ I Heard the Owl Call my Name, Margaret Craven

▶ \*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

▶ \*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain

▶ **Grade 7 Summer Reading**

▶ Pick one of the books below to read before the start of the school year. Take notes on plot details (conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution). Bring these notes to Language Arts class the first day of school.

▶ \*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain

▶ The Slave Dancer, Paula Fox

▶ Dogsong, Gary Paulsen

▶ Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maud Montgomery

▶ Lyddie, Katharine Paterson

▶ In addition to the book you've chosen above, read **at least** one other book this summer. Consider choosing a book from the list below!

▶ The Graveyard Book, Neil Gaiman

Mockingbird, Kathryn Erskine

▶ Elijah of Buxton, Christopher Paul Curtis

Code Name Verity, Elizabeth Wein

▶ The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate

\*The Book Thief, Markus Zusack

▶ Almost Home, Joan Bauer

Becoming Naomi Leon, Pam Munoz Ryan

▶ Serafina's Promise, Ann Burg

Fallout, Todd Strasser

▶ Brotherhood, A.B. Westrick

Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Pattillo Beals

▶ \*Indicates a challenging read, either in comprehension or emotional content.