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READING ASSIGNMENT

Incoming 6th Grade, 2016

This summer, you are required to read a total of FIVE books

1. Choose THREE of the following books:

- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Yang
- *American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adults*, Lori M. Carlson (editor)
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- *La Linea* by Ann Jaramillo
- *Inkdeath* by Cornelia Funke
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
- *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing* by M.T. Anderson
- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
- *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago
- *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*
- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier
- *Scat* by Carl Hiaasen
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- *Star Girl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Fighting Ground* by Avi
- *Climbing the Stairs* by Padma Venkatraman
- *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech
- *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman

2. **Two choice books:** Choose any two books of your own CHOICE.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT

We want your main focus this summer to be on READING, so your writing requirement is small. At the beginning of the school year, however, there will be classwork and homework assignments related to the books you read this summer. For this purpose, make sure you read carefully so you can share your ideas thoroughly in September.

*****WHAT YOU MUST HAND IN:** FIVE Recommendation Index Cards

- Recommendation Index Card: Must include title, author, BRIEF summary and commentary on book. It also MUST be clear and legible.
 - While you may type these, you must print it out and paste onto an actual **4x6 index card**.
 - If you chose to handwrite these, you must write clearly and neatly.

Example:

Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray
Fahrenheit 451 is a science fiction book about a world in the future in which it is forbidden to read or write. The main character, Montag, is a fireman. In this world, however, firemen START fires instead of putting them out. The fires are to burn any books that are found.	
**** I would recommend this book to anyone that likes science fiction or to think about what could happen if a government gets out of control with limiting its people.	
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