



## 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

Happy Summer Break! As you know, we have high expectations of our students, and your ability to read well and comprehend what you have read. For this summer, in between your pool breaks and video games and trips to the beach, you will need to complete your summer reading assignment!

Read the instructions below carefully, and make sure that you work hard to complete this assignment. This is due when you return to school in the Fall and will count as a grade in your English class!

### **Assignment:**

Step 1: Choose ONE of the books for your summer reading project from the choices listed below. (All of these books are available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, or at most public libraries.)

1. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
2. *Holes* by Louis Sachar
3. *The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan
4. *The Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor
5. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

### **SUMMER READING OPTIONS - CHOOSE TWO OF THE ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOUR BOOK:**

- Write a poem or song lyrics that connect to your novel. Focus on the plot, characters, and/or personal connections you have with the novel. (\*30 lines or longer)
- Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask any questions you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why (\*at least one full page and written in letter format)
- Create a poster detailing the plot of your novel. Include descriptions of the events in the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Write a statement of the main theme with quotes from the novel for support.
- Create an illustrated book cover for your novel. Include a summary of the story that describes the main character and the central conflict.
- Create a cartoon/storyboard (minimum of 8 panels) based on your novel. Focus on pivotal events and put them in chronological order.