June 2018

Dear Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

The end of the school year is here and I am thrilled about the opportunity to share reading experiences with your students in the coming year.

Next year I will be teaching seventh and eighth grade reading. I would like to encourage each student to explore the wonderful world of reading this summer and keep his or her reading skills sharp in the months ahead. In order to accomplish this, students will be asked to participate in a very simple (and hopefully fun) summer reading assignment. I would like the students to enjoy summer break of course, but I’d also like them to enjoy reading throughout the summer months.

I am asking each incoming 7th grader to read The Giver by Lois Lowry

I am asking each incoming 8th grader to read Five People You Meet in Heaven by

Mitch Albom

The students only need to read the book. We will be discussing the book, and completing corresponding activities throughout the first few weeks of the school year in the fall.

These books are all quite popular and should be easy to access at local libraries or on line. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [mpatena@smsberea.org](mailto:mpatena@smsberea.org). I check this account almost daily during the summer months. I hope your families have a safe, wonderful, and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Melanie Patena