**8th Grade English**

**Summer Assignment, 2017**

The following assignments are due the first day of school.

Read for fun and read for information. Stay in great academic shape this summer by reading frequently and be sure to take a good book with you wherever you go.

Please read **two fiction** and **one nonfiction** selection from the list below and be prepared to actively participate in discussions of each. You will be assessed on both of the assigned books you read at the beginning of the school year. It may be helpful for you to keep a reading log and record a brief summary of the pages you read each day.

Fiction Selections (choose 2)

* **Little Women**, by Louisa M. Alcott
* **Across Five Aprils**, by Irene Hunt
* **Ender’s Game**, by Orson Scott Card
* **The Outsiders**, by S.E. Hinton

Nonfiction Selections (choose 1)

* **Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement**, by Ann Bausum
* **An American Plague**, by Jim Murphy
* **Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream**, by Tanya Lee Stone
* **Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion**, by Loree Griffin Burns