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Dear Seventh Grade Students and Parents,

​ Attached below is a list of book choices for summer reading for incoming eighth graders.  Many of the selected novels will be available for sale at the upcoming Book Fair at St. Michael's.  

​ Three books in total must be chosen from this list, with no more than one book chosen from any one category.  (There is no single required book for every student in the grade.)  The choices and categories are as follows:

Classics

*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* Robert Louis Stevenson

*Lord of the Flies* William Golding

*O Pioneers!* Willa Cather

*20,000 Leagues under the Sea* Jules Verne

American History

*The Long Shadow of Little Rock*  Daisy Bates

*Out of the Dust* Karen Hesse

*Shoeless Joe* W.P. Kinsella

*Uncle Tom’s Cabin* Harriet Beecher Stowe

World War Two

*The Book Thief* Markus Zusak

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* John Boyne

*Farewell to Manzanar* Jeanne Houston and James D. Houston

*Hiroshima*  John Hersey

*The Tenth Man* Graham Greene

Miscellaneous

*The Age of Miracles* Karen Thompson Walker

*The House on Mango Street* Sandra Cisneros

*Lavinia* Ursula Le Guin

*Life of Pi* Yann Martel

*A Northern Light* Jennifer Donnelly

*The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency* Alexander McCall Smith

*Ship Breaker* Paolo Bacigalupi

*Whirligig* Paul Fleischman

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