

June 2008

Dear Incoming Eighth Grade Student,

During the summer, you are expected to read a **minimum of three** books from the provided list. **You may not substitute a book on this list with another book by the same author.** You will also be required to complete a fiction or non-fiction organizer for each of the three books that you read. Please keep your completed organizers in a safe place over the summer. **Your teacher will ask to see your organizers at the beginning of next school year.** Additional copies of organizers may be found on the Patton web site (<http://cfpms.ucfsd.org/>). In addition, brief descriptions of the books are also available on the web site.

Reading for enjoyment is a lifelong habit that your teachers at Charles F. Patton Middle School support. For this reason, this list of books has been organized to include books from a variety of genres. Your teachers are confident that you will be able to choose three books that you will enjoy from the provided list.

During the first few weeks of school, your language arts teacher will give you assignments relating to your summer reading choices. The organizers that you complete while reading your books will help you to meet the requirements of your assignments with the highest quality possible.

It is recommended that you read one book and complete one organizer by the end of each month (June, July, and August). Doing so will help you to remember the details of your book with more ease. In addition, taking the time to read one book per month will provide you with the opportunity to complete your organizer accurately and neatly.

Before reading each of your books, determine if it is a fiction or non-fiction book. Then choose the corresponding organizer to complete while reading the book. Feel free to use the back of your organizers to write any additional thoughts that you have about your book.

Have a safe and fun summer vacation and enjoy your summer reading! Your teachers are looking forward to seeing you in August and hearing about your summer reading adventures!

Sincerely yours,

Your Eighth Grade
Language Arts Teacher