<u>Rising 6th Graders</u> *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen One book from the Virginia Readers' Choice list (see below)

<u>Rising 7th Graders</u> *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls One book from the Virginia Readers' Choice list (see below)

<u>Rising 8th Graders</u> *Animal Farm* by George Orwell One book from the Virginia Readers' Choice list (see below)

VRC 2019 – 2020 Middle School Titles: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Restart by Gordon Korman

Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess by Shari Green

Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive! by Ammi-Joan Paquette

Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink by Tod Olson

Watchdog by Will McIntosh

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

The Red Bandanna: Young Reader's Adaptation by Tom Rinaldi

Braced by Alyson Gerber

Students do not need to complete any written work over the summer, although please read carefully and take notes if necessary. The group book will be used as the basis for the first marking period curriculum. A project will be assigned based on the VRC title during the first marking period as well.