

Dear Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

As the development and maintenance of good reading skills are important to students' success in the future, the St. Antoninus Language Arts Department has a summer reading requirement for all students. We want the students to continue developing their reading skills in the following areas: comprehension, characterization, plot development, theme, generalizing, cause and effect, and author's purpose.

To that end, **the students are asked to read at least two novels** this summer. The novels should be appropriate for interest and/or grade level. The students must be prepared to utilize these novels in various activities and projects to be completed during the first full week of school. This will include taking the Accelerated Reader tests for those novels.

The following list of novels should **not** be chosen as they will be used for classroom instruction.

Hate That Cat	Hatchet
A Long Way From Chicago	The Westing Game
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Where the Red Fern Grows
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Sign of the Beaver
Esperanza Rising	Love That Dog
Go Big or Go Home	Because of Mr. Terupt
Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Wonder

Parents,

We appreciate your help and support in our endeavor to maintain a high level of learning in our school. Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to accomplish this reading requirement in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

The St. Antoninus Language Arts Department