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The teachers at Rosemary Middle School would like to take this opportunity to welcome you! We anticipate next year will be one that you will long remember, and we hope your classes will be intellectually stimulating and academically rewarding (and fun).

At Rosemary Middle School, we believe that summer reading is an essential part of education and growth as an adolescent. Summer reading enables you to continue being active readers and thoughtful writers. We consider it important that you keep your reading skills sharp in order to maintain the gains that you made this past academic year. For your summer reading this year, we're asking that you choose a book off of either the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, or 2017-2018 SC Junior Books Award lists, which are below. This will help best prepare you for the coming year. You have a choice of which assignment you would like to complete. Choose one from the options below to complete:

Option A: Create a diary for one of the main characters in your book. Your diary must include at least six entries spaced out over the course of the whole book. You should use events from the book to inspire your character's diary entries. Each entry should be at least two paragraphs. Be sure you write the diary entries from the point of view of your character, and you only choose one character.

Option B: Create a comic strip for the major plot events in the book. Include no less than 15 boxes.

Option C: Write a letter to your teacher explaining which character you would like to invite to dinner and why. Your letter should be in correct format, contain vivid details, and include evidence from the book.

Option D: Create a soundtrack (school appropriate) for the movie version of your book. Include at least six tracks. For each song, explain what plot event it would be played during and why.

Option E: Turn the lyrics from your favorite song (school appropriate) into a song about the book. Include at least two verses and a chorus.

The assignment for your summer reading book will be due on **Tuesday August 29, 2017**. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer and come back excited for the new school year.

2015-2016 SC Junior Books Award list

1. *Better Off Friends* Elizabeth Eulberg
2. *Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List* Leon Leyson
3. *Counting by 7's* Holly Goldberg Sloan
4. *Eruption! Volcanos and the Science of Saving Lives* Elizabeth Rusch
5. *Falcon in the Glass* Susan Fletcher
6. *Far Far Away* Thom McNeal
7. *Gated* Amy Christina Parker
8. *Great Trouble* Deborah Hopkinson
9. *The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe* Dan Poblocki
10. *Jungle of Bones* Ben Mikaelson
11. *Lawless* Jeffery Salane
12. *The President Has Been Shot* James L. Swanson
13. *Prisoner B-3087* Alan Gratz
14. *QBI* Mike Lupica
15. *SYLO* D. J. MacHale
16. *Tesla's Attic* Neil Shusterman
17. *Under the Egg* Laura Marx Fitzgerald
18. *Winner's Curse* Marie Rutkosk
19. *Zebra Forest* Adina Gewirtz
1. *Zombie Baseball Beatdown* Paolo Bacigalupi

2016-2017 SC Junior Books Award list

1. *All Fall Down* Ally Carter
2. *Being Sloane Jacobs* Lauren Morrill
3. *The Bridge from Me to You* Lisa Schroeder
4. *The Cure for Dreaming* Cat Winters
5. *Famous Last Words* Katie Alender
6. *Fantasy League* Mike Lupica
7. *Fish in a Tree* Lynda Mullaly Hunt
8. *Girl on a Wire* Gwenda Bond
9. *The Honest Truth* Dan Gemeinhart
10. *Hunt for the Bamboo Rat* Graham Salisbury
11. *If You're Reading This* Trent Reedy
12. *The Iron Trial* Holly Black & Cassandra Clare
13. *Listen, Slowly* Thanhha Lai
14. *Loot: How to Steal a Fortune* Jude Watson
15. *The Mark of the Dragonfly* Jaleigh Johnson
16. *Paper Things* Jennifer Richard Jacobson
17. *Snow Like Ashes* Sara Raasch
18. *The Swap* Megan Shull
19. *Tell Me* Joan Bauer
20. *The Walk On* John Feinstein

2017-2018 SC Junior Books Award list

1. *Adrift* by Paul Griffin
2. *Beneath* by Roland Smith
3. *Big Top Burning: The True Story of an Arsonist, a Missing Girl, and the Greatest Show on Earth* - Laura A. Woollett
4. *Book Scavenger* Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
5. *Chasing Secrets* Gennifer Choldenko
6. *The Chosen Prince* Diane Stanley
7. *Code of Honor* Alan Gratz
8. *Fast Break* Mike Lupica
9. *Fort* Cynthia DeFelice
10. *Ghostlight* Sonia Gensler
11. *House Arrest* K. A. Holt
12. *I Am Princess X*-Cherie Priest
13. *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch
14. *Mark of the Thief* Jennifer A. Nielsen
15. *Roller Girl* Victoria Jamieson
16. *The Seventh Most Important Thing* Shelley Pearsall
17. *Terror at Bottle Creek* Watt Key
18. *Walk on Earth a Stranger* Rae Carson
19. *The War that Saved My Life* Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
20. *The Worst Class Trip Ever* Dave Barry