

Dear Students and Parents,

Independent reading is a vital component of young adults' development and academic success. Young adults who read regularly during the summer maintain and often increase their reading skills.

The 2018-2019 school year will begin with the expectation that all incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chippewa students have **read at least one book chosen for their grade level**. Students will be required to complete a short project to accompany one of the books they have read.

Completed projects should be turned in to your student's 1st period teacher by Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Book discussions and follow-up activities will take place on Friday, August 31st. Students who complete the project and turn it in during the first week of school will be entered into a raffle to possibly win a gift card.

Students are expected to get their own copy of the books, read them over the summer, and bring one with on the day of our celebration that they want to discuss.

Here are some suggestions of where to find the books.

- \* Des Plaines Public Library
- \* [www.thriftbooks.com](http://www.thriftbooks.com) (free shipping)
- \* [www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com)
- \* Target
- \* [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

### 2018-2019 Summer Reading Choices

#### Incoming 6th grade choices:

*The Iron Trial*  
by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare- Adventure/  
Fantasy

*We Will Not Be Silent*  
by Russell Freedman- Non-Fiction/Holocaust

*Ghost*  
by Jason Reynolds- Realistic Fiction

#### Incoming 7th grade choices:

*Ms. Bixby's Last Day*  
by John David Anderson- Realistic Fiction

*March, Book 1*  
by John Lewis- Non-Fiction/Graphic Novel

*The Goldfish Boy*  
by Lisa Thompson- Mystery

#### Incoming 8th grade choices:

*Lily and Dunkin*  
by Donna Gephart- Realistic Fiction

*Falling Over Sideways*  
by Jordan Sonnenblick- Realistic Fiction

*Paper Things*  
by Jennifer Richard Jacobson- Realistic Fiction

The best way for young adults to become better readers is for them to read widely and frequently. Thank you for supporting your child's reading during the summer.

Sincerely,  
Chippewa Middle School Staff