

## Middle School Reading Requirements-2016

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To Middle School parents and students:

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\*There are specific items to bring to reading class **every day**. Students should have a spiral notebook and a folder of the same color or design for this class. We will be giving you an Interactive Reader, which is the workbook, and a Reader's Notebook. You need to bring your outside reading book to class every day. We expect that every student will bring 2 pencils, a pen, and an eraser to class each day.

\*Our text, *Holt McDougal Literature*, is available online. We will make use of this website in class and you may want to access it from home. There are many resources and supports for your student available at this website. If you don't have computer access, the school computers are available to students before and after school. The public library has computers available also. We will NOT make assignments that require online access. It's just a very convenient resource if you forget your worksheet at school, don't want to lug a big textbook, or want to take advantage of some of the learning opportunities. Another great feature is the sound component. You can listen to the story being read to you. The web address and password information are as follows:

Web address: **my.hrw.com** (Notice there is no www in this address.)

6<sup>th</sup> grade ID and password (these are case specific)

**read61 v7v7a**

7<sup>th</sup> grade ID and password (case specific)

**read71 n2w2z**

8<sup>th</sup> grade ID and password (case specific)

**read81 k5v5p**

\* In addition to the text, we will be reading novels as a class and in reader's workshop, studying vocabulary (academic vocabulary, roots, suffixes, and prefixes), and practicing close reading of nonfiction articles.

\*All students will be reading during Advisory on Tuesdays and Fridays. They are required to bring an outside reading book to each class so that they can read if they have extra time. Students are required to read a minimum of 10 books- 5 per semester-by the end of the school year. Our expectation is that students read for 25 minutes each night (You may have Tuesday and Friday off if you wish). This is based on last year's RTI schedule and may change as the year unfolds.

**We are looking forward to a great year of reading and learning together!**