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Dear Students and Parents,

Independent reading is an important part of the Language Arts curriculum at Weber Middle School. One of our goals this year in English/Language Arts is for our students to feel a greater appreciation and love for reading. We also wish to see Weber students continue to grow and mature as readers. We encourage parents to model a love for reading and discussion of literature at home. To this end, we have chosen a variety of books as summer reading. They are all approved, grade appropriate novels. Students are **required** to read only **one** novel from the list. When incoming 8th graders return to Weber in the fall, they should be prepared to write an essay about the book they read over the summer. The question will relate to plot, theme, setting, and conflict.

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| <i>Children of the River</i> (Crew) | Historical Fiction (Young Adult) |
| <i>Code Talker</i> (Bruchac) | Memoir |
| <i>Elsewhere</i> (Zevin) | Fantasy (Young Adult) |
| <i>House of the Scorpion</i> (Farmer) | Science Fiction |
| <i>The Chosen</i> (Potok) | Coming of Age Fiction |
| <i>If I Should Die Before I Wake</i> (Nolan) | Historical Fiction (Young Adult) |
| <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> (Crane) | Historical Fiction |
| <i>Flush</i> (Hassan) | Environmental Fiction |
| <i>The Secret Garden</i> (Burnett) | Fantasy |
| <i>The Eye of the World</i> (Jordan) | Fantasy |

The Port Washington Public Library, Dolphin Books, and Barnes and Noble have been given a list of the required summer reading for Weber Middle School so that they can make them available to you.

Have a safe and happy summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Weber 8th Grade Language Arts Teachers

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