

Dear Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade Students and Parents,

I wish you a happy and healthy summer. Part of a great summer is having the extra time to read. You already know that the more you read, the more you learn, the better you write, and the more knowledge you have to share.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Requirements**

Students need to read *Hatchet* this summer.

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present -- and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent's divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self-pity, or despair -- it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

When you return to school in August, you will be discussing and working together to dig deeper into *Hatchet*. You will be tested on the book and required to do a piece of writing during the first several weeks of school.

I look forward to meeting with you in August. Happy reading!

Mrs. Toney