



**MADISON MIDDLE 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELA SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS:**

***Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick**

Students need to be prepared to take a reading comprehension QUIZ the first week of school. We will have class discussions, activities and a final test with this novel.

**Accelerated Students - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT:**

Choose **ONE** book of choice (grade appropriate) in ADDITION to *Freak the Mighty*.

**Book OPTIONS if you are having trouble deciding on your own:**

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

*The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

*Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulson

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl

**BOOK TALKS** (Accelerated Novel Choices only):

Within the first few weeks of school, you will participate in a “summer book talk” with your peers and teachers in your Accelerated English class. The book talk is meant to stimulate conversations around a variety of ideas and issues that you have explored in your summer books. Plan to bring the book and notes to help you fully participate in your conversations. As you read, we encourage you to highlight and/or annotate your thinking and generate discussion items or talking points. Some key discussion points will include characters, plot, conflict and a book review recommendation. More details will be given the first week of school.