

# Montgomery Upper Middle School

## *SUMMER READING* For Students Entering Grade 8

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be some kind of library." ~Jorge Luis Borges

### What is **REQUIRED**:

- **Read** one of the assigned titles below and **take notes** while you read. The focus topic/theme for your notes is **perseverance**.
- Bring your **book and notes** with you on the **first day** of school.
- In September, you will be asked to show off your writing skills through a **writing assignment** designed with your assigned book in mind. You will be able to **use your notes** to help you.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Reading Choices

*Hunger Games*  
– Suzanne Collins

or

*The Maze Runner*  
-James Dashner

**All students are required to have the text for reference.**

### What is **OPTIONAL**:

- You may read a second or third book in the series. This may help in your understanding of the plot and characters and enhance your connections throughout the year.
- A list of **Guided Reading Questions** is another option for each required text. These questions serve to guide your understanding of your reading. Briefly answering them can only help you.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Optional Additional Reading Choices

*Catching Fire*– Suzanne Collins    or    *Mockingjay* - Suzanne Collins  
or *Gathering Blue* – Lois Lowry or *The Scorch Trials* - James Dashner

*Guided Reading Questions and a focus for note taking can be found on the UMS website under Site Shortcuts - Summer Reading.*