**Middle School Summer Reading**

**Vision:** For middle school students to have authentic, summer reading experiences in which they have choose what they would like to read and that they read at their own pace.

**Purpose:** To promote the value of independent reading, book discussions, and sharing.

**Structure:**
- Students will be encouraged to read over the summer
- It will be suggested that the middle school students choose from the [2016 Rebecca Caudill Book List](#), but the students may choose the book they wish to read.
- Literacy teachers may want to consider giving the students a reward at the beginning of the school year for reading (e.g. Hawkeyes)
- Literacy teachers may want to consider providing opportunities for students to share information about the book(s) that they read over the summer. Ideas for sharing may include:
  - Writing a blog about the book, having students other students respond to the blog
  - Giving a quick book talk about the book
  - Writing in their writer’s notebook about the book
  - Sharing book recommendations with teacher and students on social media