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Rucker Summer Reading

Dear Pre-honors English students,

Because research has proven that independent reading is the number one factor in vocabulary development and can increase reading and writing scores on standardized tests, you need to continue reading during the summer--the more books the better!

Your assignment is to read at least one of the new 20 South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees. Students who read more nominees will not only have more options when working on the rest of the assignment but will also maintain any progress made during the school year. When school starts back, you will work with other students to write scripts for booktalks to encourage others to read these books. Your podcasts will be posted on our webpage and be shared on Rucker AM so other students can listen, too. A list of the twenty nominees is below.

Adam Canfield, Watch Your Back! Michael Winerip
The Big Field Mike Lupica
Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems John Grandits
Book of a Thousand Days Shannon Hale
The Boy Who Dared Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl John Feinstein
Elephant Run Roland Smith
Fire From the Rock Sharon Draper
Go Big or Go Home Will Hobbs
If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period Gennifer Choldenko
Leepike Ridge Nathan D. Wilson
Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf: A Year Told Through Stuff Jennifer Holm
Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller Sarah Elizabeth Miller
Night of the Howling Dogs Graham Salisbury
The Redheaded Princess: A Novel Ann Rinaldi
The Seer of Shadows Avi
Schooled Gordon Korman
Taken Edward Bloor
Toby Wheeler: Eighth Grade Benchwarmer Thatcher Heldring
When I Crossed No-Bob Margaret McMullan

You'll check out one book today, but Rucker's Media Center will be open June 22 and July 13 from 10am-2pm to trade in your book for another or take A.R. tests that will count for the first nine weeks.

In addition, the Lancaster County Library is sponsoring a Teen Reading Program June 11th, June 25th, July 16th, and July 30th from 3-5pm.