

## **Required Summer Reading for RISING 4th Grade students:**

1. Shiloh (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor) \*Newberry Award winner
2. Dear Mr. Henshaw (Beverly Cleary) \*Newberry Award winner
3. Ragweed (Avi) \*part of the Poppy series that we will study in Fall 2017

### **Mandatory Project (Pick one project)**

1. Create a game board based off of Shiloh using characters and the main plot events. Your board game should include at least 4 game pieces/players, question cards that relate to the story, and clearly written directions. The game needs to connect. Events from the beginning of the book should be placed near the "START" of the game and events from the end should be near the "FINISH" of the game. (Think of the game "Candyland" or "Monopoly" as a good set-up for your board game). Be prepared to share and play your game in the first week of school.

2. Dear Diary...

Diaries are useful ways to keep track of personal emotions, thoughts, and events in a person's life. One of the ways Leigh Botts improved his writing in Dear Mr. Henshaw was by keeping a diary. Using a diary or spiral bound notebook, make 10 or more diary entries from your summer break. Be sure to include some personal events that you would not want to share with others. Your last journal entry (not included in the minimum entry requirement) should be a reflection on how diary writing has helped you become a better writer.

### **Expectations**

1. Students should be prepared to share their required reading projects in the first week of school.
2. Students will be allowed to use Ragweed for an independent reading response (part of the trimester requirement for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts). Details to be discussed in August.
3. Students should ENJOY reading these books. Try to include it as part of a daily routine over the course of the summer. Reading is meant to be fun and enriching! ☺
4. Students can certainly read more books this summer. The Sunshine State list is updated and full of excellent suggested reading.

I am looking forward to being your Language Arts teacher in the 2017-2018 school year. The best is yet to come!