First Quarter Independent Reading List

Presentation date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For the first month you may either read your two summer reading choices and complete the weekly IRL assignments over those books OR you may read books of your choice. The minimum page requirement for books of choice is 180 pages. Graphic novels are acceptable.

Following the summer reading Socratic seminar, students will choose at least 1 of the following books for independent reading. Many are available through the school or public libraries. Students should have their independent reading books in class every day.

*The Old Man and the Sea* Ernest Hemingway

*Brown Girl Dreaming* Jacqueline Woodson

*Oliver Twist* Charles Dickens

*The Other Wes Moore* Wes Moore

*The Slave Dancer* Paula Fox

*Bucking the Sarge* Christopher Paul Curtis

*Jade Green: A Ghost Story* Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* Gary D. Schmidt

The Wind and the Willows Kenneth Grahame

*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* Jules Verne

8th grade summer reading assignment:

*Us, in Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos* by Lulu Delacre

*City of Saints & Thieves* by Natalie C. Anderson

*Escape from Aleppo* by N. H. Senzai

*Becoming Kareem: Growing up on and off the Court*

**Assignment:** Read and annotate the books. Students will be given Socratic seminar questions over the two books they read in the next week. The Socratic seminar will take place during English class on Tuesday, September 4th. More information about the seminar will come soon.