

# O'MALEY INNOVATION MIDDLE SCHOOL

## SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

**All Grade Read for students entering grade 8:** "The Last Leaf" by O. Henry. This short selection and connected writing activity are expected literacy work for all students. The full text of the short story is included in this student Summer Reading Packet, along with guidelines for the connected writing activity.

**Choice Book Reading for students entering grade 8:** All students are expected to select one book from the list below, *or any title of their own choice*. Guidelines for the Choice Book Connected Writing activity are included in Summer Reading Packets. Students are strongly encouraged to complete more than one choice book during the summer.

### Suggested CHOICE books for students entering grade 8

#### *Fiction*

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Alice Bliss by Laura Harrington

Blank Confession by Pete Hautman

Great Wide Sea by M.H. Herlong

Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman

Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson

How to Survive Middle School by Donna Geppert

#### *Non-Fiction*

Hitler's Youth by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust by Doreen Rappaport

Tracking Trash by Loree Griffin Burns

We Beat the Streets: How A Friendship Pact Led to Success by Sharon Draper

I Am a Seal Team Six Warrior: Memoirs of an American Soldier by Howard E. Wasdin