Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child is currently in the Pre-AP program at Huffman Middle School. If they choose to continue in this program into 7th grade, there is some required reading that they will need to do over the summer. I would recommend purchasing both of the books, in order to be able to write in them, highlight important text, etc. We will utilize these books regularly throughout the entire school year, so having a personal copy will be beneficial to your child; but, if buying them isn't an option, they are welcome to check them out from the public library as well.

There will be one required fiction book and one required nonfiction book that needs to be read by the time the students return to school in the Fall. The fiction book is called *Falling Over Sideways* by Jordan Sonnenblick and the nonfiction book is called *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler* by Phillip Hoose.

Along with reading these books, students will be required to complete a project for either of the books that will be due the first Wednesday/Thursday of the school year. You will be receiving an email from Mrs. Underwood with all of the various rubrics for the project. Your child is required to choose ONE project to complete on ONE of the books. The project options are to create an ABC Book (a children's book using the ABCs to represent different parts of the book), an Advertisement (on poster board or something similar, trying to sell the book), a Newspaper (representing the city the book is based in, as if it were the newspaper for that town), or write an essay (discussing the book and details in depth). All of the details and specifics are on the rubric that you will be receiving in your email.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. over the summer, please email me at kmccleskey@huffmanisd.net. This is my work email that I will check roughly once a week, so please be patient with reply times.

Have a great summer!

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