June 2018

Dear Rising Grade Eight Student:

We hope that you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to meeting and growing with you in the fall. We look forward to welcoming you to Grade 8 in August when we will explore the theme “Challenge” early in the school year. Below you will find a list of titles to choose from as your summer read. This will help prevent “summer slide” and keep your vocabulary and English-language abilities growing during school recess. As always, our goal is to develop lifelong readers and thinkers.

As a rising Grade Eight student, you have increased freedom. With this freedom comes increased responsibility. You can choose any book in Part A on the list. Additionally, you are encouraged to read a second title from Part B in the list below. You will notice that multiple genres and reading levels are included. All titles are easily available at Orell Füssli located in downtown Zurich at Füsslistrasse 4, via Bookdepository.com, through E-readers, or most standard Anglophone bookstores while traveling.

Summer reading is an important part of maintaining--and enhancing--your English language skills. As you enjoy your time away from school, we encourage you to read as much as possible both in English and in other languages. When you return, you will be expected to be prepared to discuss or write about at least one of the titles in Part A from the list below.

Over the summer, students who have registered to return to ZIS for the 2018-2019 school year may check out up to four books from the Middle School Library.

Sincerely,

English 8 Faculty
## PART A: Required

### Realistic Fiction

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### Fantasy Fiction

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PART B: Encouraged

Biography / Autobiography
(some mature topics)

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, 2007
Ishmael Beah
(920L)

Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World, 2003
Tracy Kidder
(1080L)

The Family Romanov, 2014
Candace Fleming
(950L)

Non-Fiction

The 57 Bus, 2017
Dashka Slater
(930L)

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World, 2000
Jennifer Armstrong
(1090L)

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science, 2004
By John Fleischman
(1030L)