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Dear Parents of Incoming Eighth Graders,

May the peace of Christ be with you and your family. In order to maintain and continue the development of reading and writing skills through the summer months, each student will read at least three books prior to the beginning of school in September. Each student is required to read *Let The Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred Taylor. There will be a book test on this novel when we return to school. You do not need to write a summary for this book.

Each student will read at least two other books from the assigned booklist. A written summary is required of the two additional books read to be handed in when we return to school. The summary must include the title of the book, the author, and three paragraphs. The paragraphs are as follows:

- 1) The introduction which includes the title, author, setting, main character, and a sentence about the story.
- 2) The second paragraph includes the conflict or problem in the story. What is the main character facing, and how does he/she resolve the conflict. In other words, how does the story end?
- 3) This paragraph includes the theme. What message is the author trying to tell the reader? Make sure you include at least two examples from the story that shows the theme.

This summary is to be written in blue or black ink, in your best handwriting. I prefer cursive, but I want neatness! You may also type your summaries. (12 font Times New Roman, double space).

Have a truly wonderful, blessed summer.

In Jesus,

Mrs. Kinney