

**Robert Frost Middle School**  
**English Language Arts Department**  
**Language Arts 8 SPR Summer Reading Assignment 2016**

This summer, students enrolled in English Language Arts 8 SPR have the option of reading one of the suggested texts from the list below as well as completing the corresponding written assignment.

Students who choose to complete the summer assignment by **Wednesday September 21, 2016**, will be exempt from Quarter 1's Independent Reading Novel (IRN) Assignment. The grade he/she receives on the summer reading assignment will take the place of Quarter 1's IRN Project.

**Choose ONE of the following works of literature to read:**

*The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy  
*Counting By Sevens* by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*The Darkest Path* by Jeff Hirsch  
*A Dog's Purpose Series* by W. Bruce Cameron  
*The Eleventh Plague* by Jeff Hirsch

**Corresponding Written Assignment: You must choose ONE of the following assignments.**

CHOICE #1: Retelling a Scene

- Pick a scene and tell the events from a different character's perspective.

CHOICE #2: Character Comparison

-Compare/contrast one of the characters with someone else- you may use real people or other characters from novels you have read previously.

CHOICE #3: Alternate Ending

-Write a different ending for the book.

- Make sure the ending is believable and follows the main plot of the story.

CHOICE #4: New Vocabulary:

-List 20 new interesting words from **throughout** your book (please identify from which book they are from and the page numbers) and define them. Write down the sentence from the book and then write the word in your own sentence.

**All summer reading assignments MUST be submitted to his/her teacher no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2016.**

Happy Reading! ☺