

## *Dreamcatchers English Language Arts Summer Assignments*

We are looking forward to getting back to normal in the next school year. Here's how we start:

- All Dreamcatchers are encouraged to perfect their **cursive penmanship** this summer. Research shows that writing in cursive “produces the greatest neurological effects” on brain development (Mulvahill) and students who consistently write in cursive “show increases in productivity and creativity” (Dower). There are a plethora of online tutorials and consumable books that can be purchased to help learn and practice cursive writing.

- **Typing** is another skill that is essential for success on the Dreamcatchers team and will pay dividends in the future. Most reports and projects, and some assignments, must be typed in ELA, Science, and Social Studies. It is recommended that students find an online tutorial and practice typing this summer. During the school year, all Pasco students have free access to Office 365 suite on myPascoConnect which includes Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

- Dreamcatchers need to **read** year-round! This summer, students must read the grade level required book and one book of their choosing from the 2021-2022 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books (grade 6-8) list. Projects based on the readings will be assigned in August.

Required:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade – *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade – *The Last Book in the Universe* by Rodman Philbrick
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade – *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi

Free choice:

- Choose one book from this list:

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The Dreamcatchers' Journey is challenging and rewarding. Let's make 2021-2022 the best school year yet!

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