Dreamcatchers English Language Arts Summer Assignments

We are looking forward to another great 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 Microsoft365 on myPascoConnect which includes Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

- Dreamcatchers need to **read** year-round! This summer, students must read the grade level required book <u>and</u> one book of their choosing from the 2023-2024 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books (grade 6-8) list. Projects based on the readings will be assigned in August.

  <u>Required</u>:
  - 6th grade – *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
  - 7th grade – *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi
  - 8th grade – *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lau

  <u>Free choice</u>:

Choose one book from this list:
https://www.spblibrary.com/DocumentCenter/View/3000/Sunshine-State-Young-Readers-Award-Books-2023-2024-for-Grades-6-8-PDF?bidId=

The Dreamcatchers' Journey is challenging and rewarding.
Let's make 2023-2024 the best school year yet!