

# Ocean State Montessori



## Middle School Summer Reading

### Required Reading:

1. A Mango Shaped Space by Wendy Mass
2. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
3. Winterdance by Gary Paulsen
4. The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds by Paul Zindel

\*\*My recommendation is that you read these texts twice – once at the beginning of the summer, once at the end so that you have them fresh in your memory when you come back to school. \*\*

### Assignments:

- Journal - Keep a journal while reading A Mango Shaped Space. Please write a response after each chapter.
- Essay – What is the central conflict in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (man vs. self, man vs. nature, man vs. man)? How does this conflict change throughout the book? Is it resolved at the end?
- Research – After reading Winterdance, please do some research about one aspect of the Iditarod (ideas include dog training, history of the race, famous teams) and write a short (1-2 page) research paper.
- Create – Create a diorama showing your interpretation of one of the scenes in The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds. Be creative!