*Out of the Dust* Summer Reading Assignment

**Choose five (5) of the following topics and answer in the form of a short essay. You must use complete thoughts/sentences in your response. DO NOT BE VAGUE OR AMBIGUOUS--get use to this concept.**

You may send these via Google Docs or Microsoft Word as an email attachment to [mr.driscoll@redeemer-oakmont.org](mailto:mr.driscoll@redeemer-oakmont.org)

**PROMPTS:**

1. Despite the terrible hardships they faced, Billie Jo, her family and neighbors still found ways to help others who were in need. Recall these acts of generosity. Which stands out in your minds as the most generous? Why?
2. Tell how Billie Jo’s mother influences her. What are some of the important things that she learns from her?
3. Tell how Billie Jo’s teacher, Miss Freeland, influences her.
4. Compare and contrast the man in the boxcar to Billie Jo’s father.
5. How would the novel have been different if the father had narrated it?
6. The phrase "out of the dust" appears several times in the book. At one point Billie Jo wants to escape "out of the dust," but later she says, "I can't get out of something that is inside me." How does the title of the book reflect Billie Jo as a person?