



Summer Reading List For Incoming 7th Graders

The summer months allow students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of texts. We encourage you and your child to choose summer reading high-quality books that are both enjoyable and challenging for them. The faculty carefully chose the titles below for your consideration. Reading is an important skill that is best improved by constant practice. Research shows that children who read consistently are strong writers and develop strong vocabulary skills. No matter which grade your child is in, reading with your child is paramount.

Incoming 7th grade students are required to read and annotate *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. Reading this book as a class will allow students to begin the school year in a unified way. Students will be expected to bring *The Outsiders* to their English classes on the first day of school.

In addition, students may choose to read any additional books from the list below.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Avi	<u>Nothing But the Truth</u>
Green, John	<u>The Fault in Our Stars</u>
Hiassen, Carl	<u>Hoot</u>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u>
Lowry, Lois	<u>Number the Stars</u>
Raskin, Ellen	<u>The Westing Game</u>
Rawls, Wilson	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u>
Rowling, J.K.	<u>Harry Potter</u> (any books in the series)
Sachar, Louis	<u>Holes</u>
Sperry, Armstrong	<u>Call it Courage</u>
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<u>The Running Dream</u>
Voigt, Cynthia	<u>Dacey's Song</u>

**Please see the reverse side for a more detailed description of your
summer reading assignment.**

Essential Questions:

1. What does it mean to be an outsider?
2. Why are relationships (friends, girlfriend/boyfriend, family) important?
3. How do our individual prejudices affect our choices?
4. How can education open many doors to the future?

Students should annotate The Outsiders for the following **themes**:

- Distinction between the Socs and Greasers
- Loyalty
- Violence
- Choices
- Self-sacrifice
- Honor
- Appearance
- Education

During the first week of school, students will be asked to write a paragraph answering one of the essential questions.