

Summer Reading

Grades 8th-11th

DE classes will have separate requirements

This summer we are not requiring one specific book for students to read by the start of the school year. Below is a breakdown of books that college preparatory students are suggested to have read prior to graduating high school. These are taken from numerous sites that acknowledge these books as part of the literary canon. Besides the element of escape that fiction provides, reading models effective writing, offers new vocabulary, and instills a sense of empathy for readers.

While the reading assignment is not required, it is our hope that students will take the summer break to stay ahead rather than regress in the skills learned in the language arts. These are only suggestions, so do not feel obligated to stay within your grade level. *Do not forget there are numerous online resources to practice for the PSAT/SAT. *Khan Academy is one suggestion.

Eighth Grade:

A Diary of Anne Frank

The Call of the Wild

Treasure Island

Where the Red Fern Grows

Eleven

Ninth Grade:

Animal Farm

The Cay

Hatchet

Gathering Blue

The House on Mango Street

Tenth/Eleventh Grade:

The Book Thief

The Awakening

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

The Catcher in the Rye

Fahrenheit 451

The Help

1984