

May 2018

Dear Parents,

As our students ready themselves for summer, we are happy to share the following lists of books assigned for them to enjoy over Summer Break. It is a valued characteristic among our student body to be well read. Moreover, regular contact with well-composed text makes us better readers, writers, and speakers. We invite all family members to share in the experience.

All of these books are part of our Accelerated Reader (AR) program. Our students have both summer and school-year requirements in this program as part of their Language Arts experience. To manage the summer reading, Camelot requires students to come to school and take AR tests; your student will need to make a few trips to Camelot during the summer to complete these tests. Each AR test is administered through an assigned computer at Camelot. Should you need assistance, please call our office; we will be happy to set your student up for his or her initial test.

Camelot will be open during the summer, except from June 25 - July 6 when our offices and programming are closed for vacation. Students may come to take tests during all other weeks at any time between 8 AM and 5 PM. There is no appointment needed. If your student does not meet the mastery standard set by the teacher (see parent signature section), he or she is expected to reread the book and take the test again. Please inform the office if your student did not show mastery on a test so we can reset the account. A student cannot retake tests unless an administrator clears his or her record on the computer. AR test grades do not factor into a student's Language Arts course grade. Their objective is to develop and maintain the habit of reading and to encourage an increased exposure to literature.

The deadline for completing all Summer AR tests is Friday, August 17.

Inability to locate any one of the assigned books will not be an acceptable excuse for not completing the assignment. Please let us know early in the summer if you need assistance. Students who do not complete the assignment will need to attend after school Study Hall starting on August 27 until the assignment is complete. To indicate that you have read and understood this information, please sign the second page of this form and return by Monday, May 14. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Camelot's Language Arts Teaching Team

Book Lists

Each student is required to read and complete AR tests on a total of four different books over the course of the summer. Two of these books are the same for every student, and two of them differ according to your student's Language Arts class. Please consult the following lists to determine which books your student is required to read.

All Students are assigned to read the following:

1. *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell
2. One choice book that is on AR and is age-appropriate

Students in AP Language and Composition will also read:

3. *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
4. *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair

Students in New to the Upper School English will also read:

3. *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis
4. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

All other English students will also read:

3. *Persepolis*, a graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi
4. **One** of the following: *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver, *Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, or *What is the What* by Dave Eggers

Student/Parent Agreement Form

Please fill out the following form to confirm that you have received the above information and that your student understands their responsibilities for summer reading.

Below, please **circle** the class-specific book list that your student will be reading from based on their expectations for next year. If your student has questions about which book list would be appropriate for them, please have them consult their Language Arts teacher(s). Please keep in mind that ***all students are required to read books (1) and (2) in the lists above*** in addition to the two assigned to their particular class grouping.

Circle one:

AP Language and Composition

New to the Upper School

All Others

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____