

## THE FIELD SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

### SUMMER READING LIST 2015

The purpose of summer reading is to foster the habit of reading by giving students the opportunity to read books over the summer that they might enjoy. Students entering 6th grade have 2 required books. Students entering grades 7 - 12 should choose one book from the list for their grade. In addition to their chosen, required text, rising juniors have a list of suggested readings, and rising seniors have a required film. Students should expect to reflect on their reading in their English classes in September, so we encourage them to keep a reading journal and to underline significant moments and note their thoughts and questions in the text as they read.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### SIXTH GRADE

#### **Required**

Wonder, by R.J. Palacio

Writing Response to required questions

#### **Options (Choose 1)**

Dead End in Norvelt, by Jack Gantos

Flora and Ulysses, by Kate DiCamillo

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson

### SEVENTH GRADE

#### **Options (Choose 1)**

*The Hobbit*, by JRR Tolkien

*Homeless Bird*, by Gloria Whelan

*The White Mountains*, by John Christopher

*The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan

*Esperanza Rising*, by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Where the Red Fern Grows*, by Wilson Rawls

Any of the *Choose Your Own Adventure Series*, by R.A. Montgomery

\*If you are new to the school and wish to do additional reading, the 6th grade studied the following texts last year. They are optional.

"Eleven," by Sandra Cisneros

"Learning to Read," by Malcolm X

"All Summer in a Day," by Ray Bradbury

*The Giver*, by Lois Lowry

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie

*The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins

*The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton

### EIGHTH GRADE

#### **Options (Choose 1)**

Please choose one book from the following list. After you have completed the book, please watch the film adaptation. Be prepared to discuss the similarities and differences between the two versions in September.

Parents: All films are rated PG-13.

*The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak

*The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green

*Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien

\*If you are new to the school and wish to do additional reading, the 7th grade studied the following texts last year. They are optional.

*Mr. Pip*, by Lloyd Jones

*Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, by Mark Haddon

## UPPER SCHOOL

### NINTH GRADE

#### **Options (choose 1)**

*Into Thin Air*, by John Krakauer

*Tales of Mystery and Madness*, by Edgar Allen Poe

*The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd

*The Bean Trees*, by Barbara Kingsolver

*Speak*, by Laurie Halse Anderson

*The House of Scorpion*, by Nancy Farmer

*Age of Bronze: A Thousand Ships*, by Eric Shanower

\*If you are new to the school and wish to do additional reading, the 8th grade studied the following texts last year. They are optional.

*Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare

*To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee

*The Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger

### TENTH GRADE

#### **Required reading**

*Red Dust Road*, by Jackie Kay

#### **Additional Suggestions (optional)**

*A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, by Douglas Adams

*Selected Poems*, by Gwendolyn Brooks

*The Life of Pi*, by Yan Martel

*Cat's Cradle*, by Kurt Vonnegut

*My Beloved World*, by Sonya Sotomayor

\*If you are new to the school and wish to do additional reading, the 9th grade studied the following texts last year. They are optional.

*The Odyssey*, by Homer

*The Burial at Thebes*, by Seamus Heaney (translator)

*Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi

"A Sound of Thunder," by Ray Bradbury

"The Lottery," by Shirley Jackson

"Harrison Bergeron," by Kurt Vonnegut

"The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas," by Ursula LeGuin

### ELEVENTH GRADE

#### **Required reading:**

*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain

#### **Additional Suggestions (optional):**

*The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker

*Motherless Brooklyn*, by Jonathan Lethem

*In Cold Blood*, by Truman Capote

*Salvage the Bones*, by Jesmyn Ward  
*The Liar's Club*, by Mary Karr  
*Paper Towns*, by John Green  
*The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy  
*Wild*, by Cheryl Strayed

\*If you are new to the school and wish to do additional reading, the 10th grade studied the following texts last year. They are optional.

*Inferno*, by Dante Alighieri  
*Purple Hibiscus*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*Othello*, by William Shakespeare  
*Candide*, by Voltaire

## TWELFTH GRADE

Required Viewing  
*Gallipoli*, directed by Peter Weir, 1981, USA

### Options (choose 1)

*A Farewell to Arms*, by Ernest Hemingway  
*The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri  
*The Fire Next Time*, by James Baldwin  
*In the Land of Israel*, by Amos Oz  
*Sula*, by Toni Morrison

\*If you are new to the school and wish to do additional reading, the 11th grade studied the following texts last year. They are optional.

*Song of Myself*, by Walt Whitman  
*Nature* (excerpts), by Ralph Waldo Emerson  
*Selected Poems*, by Emily Dickinson  
*Walden* (excerpts), by Henry David Thoreau  
*The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston