

Dear Students and Parents,

Please review the Summer Reading requirements for the 2026-2027 school year. Summer reading helps students maintain and strengthen their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills while preparing for a successful start to the academic year.

7th Grade

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Assignments:

- Summer Reading Test
- Writing Assignment

Both assignments will be completed on August 3, 2026.

8th Grade

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Assignments:

- Summer Reading Test
- Writing Assignment

Both assignments will be completed on August 3, 2026.

9th Grade English I

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

As students read the novel, they should annotate passages related to the following themes:

- Mass Media
- Conformity and Individuality
- Distraction and Happiness
- Censorship

Students should complete the attached Theme Organizer, noting the development of themes and supporting textual evidence.

Assignments:

- August 3, 2026: Summer Reading Test (Major Grade)
- August 4–6, 2026: In-Class Literary Analysis Essay (Major Grade)

10th Grade English II and English II (H)

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Assignments:

- Summer Reading Test
- Writing Assignment
- Complete the attached Theme Assignment

All assignments are due August 3, 2026.

11th Grade English III & AP Language and Composition

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

As students read the novel, they should annotate passages related to the following themes:

- Civilization vs. Savagery
- Human Nature and the Nature of Evil
- Power and Authority
- Fear and Mob Mentality

Students should complete the attached Theme Organizer, noting the development of themes and supporting textual evidence.

Assignments:

- August 3, 2026: Summer Reading Test (Major Grade)
- August 4–6, 2026: In-Class Literary Analysis Essay (Major Grade)

12th Grade Senior English

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

As students read the novel, they should annotate significant passages, character interactions, and quotations that contribute to the development of the novel. Students should be prepared to discuss and analyze the text.

Assignments:

- August 3, 2026: Summer Reading Test (Major Grade)
- In-Class Literary Analysis Essay (Major Grade)

For grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, suggested annotation methods include color-coded highlighting, sticky notes, or margin notes to track themes, character development, and significant passages throughout the novel.

We encourage students to begin reading early and work steadily throughout the summer. Completing these assignments before returning to school will help ensure a successful start to the year.

Have a safe, restful, and blessed summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in July!