

Summer Reading List

Ninth Grade

Pre-9th grade students are required to purchase and read three books: two required books and one book of your choice from the list below. There will be tests on the required books the first month of school. It would be to your advantage to make summary notes on chapters and characters, answering the questions “who, what, where, when, how, and why,” as study guides for the tests.

You must also read one book from the book choices listed below (with parental approval) and write a 2-page summary (Times New Roman 12-pt. font, double-spaced). Use your own thoughts and words, no plagiarizing. This will be turned in for a TEST GRADE the first week of school. Additional books will be assigned during the school year.

REQUIRED BOOKS

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

Hattie Big Sky is the story of a 16-year old girl who braves the frontier life in Montana.

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Hound of the Baskervilles is a story about Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson investigating the legend of a diabolical hound on the moors.

BOOK CHOICES

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

This is the story of Joey, a horse sold to the army during war, who endures much hardship yet still retains his trust for human beings.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell

Karana, an Indian girl, spends 18 years alone on a deserted island.

Children of the River by Linda Crew

A Cambodian teenage girl flees her homeland and comes to live in America.

Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright

Hope Jensen, an aspiring newspaper writer, receives an anonymous Christmas gift, sending her on a quest that changes her life.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

A London lawyer investigates a friend with two personalities, one good and the other evil.

I Am David by Anne Holm

A 12-year old escapes a prison camp and struggles to survive in the free world.

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

Journey to the Center of the Earth is a fantastic tale of an expedition to a subterranean world.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

A dog named Buck is stolen from his California home and sold to be a sled dog in the Yukon wilds in Alaska.

One Came Home by Amy Timberlake

Set in 1870's Wisconsin, a young girl sets out to find her older sister that everyone else believes is dead.