

Dear IWA Parents and Guardians:

Because the *English Department* encourages reading, we require all students to read one book over the summer. In the fall, each student will complete an evaluation activity.

REQUIRED SELECTION FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN:

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

All incoming freshmen *are required* to read this book. They will write a reaction paragraph the second week of school in the fall.

Optional Reading Selections: Read one of the following and write a 250-300 word reaction paragraph to receive 5 extra credit points. A second novel may be read and paragraph written for 3 extra credit points.

Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

A Light in the Forest by Conrad Richter

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

REQUIRED SELECTION FOR SOPHOMORES:

Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts

A multiple choice test will be given the first class meeting in August.

Optional Reading Selections:

Either *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns, *A Painted House* by John Grisham, or *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons may be read for 5 extra credit points. A second novel may be read for 3 extra credit points. A paragraph must be written for each title chosen. Deadlines and guidelines will be provided to each student before school ends in May.

REQUIRED SELECTIONS FOR JUNIORS:

Composition 3/English Literature: Lord of the Flies by William Golding

British Literature and British Literature ACC--Choose one of the following:

Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Station Island by Seamus Heaney

Waiting for Godot Samuel Beckett

The Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Queen of the Tambourine by Jane Gardam

Juniors will complete a test or write a literary analysis essay on either character development or the effectiveness of a poem. This essay will be due the second week of school in the fall. Guidelines will be provided in August.

REQUIRED SELECTIONS FOR WORLD LITERATURE AND HONORS WORLD

LITERATURE ACC: Choose one of the following. Completion of a character-based matching/short-essay test will be required during LAP 1 of the course.

Circle of Friends by Maeve Binchy

She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb

How to Make an American Quilt by Whitney Otto

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

Jasmine by Bharati Mukherjee

REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM ACC:

Typical American by Gish Jen An assessment will be given during the second class meeting. More information will be provided in August.

We wish you and your daughters a summer full of family, fun, and a few good books.

The English Department