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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Arthur L. Johnson High School English teachers, supervisor, and I are eager to present the summer reading lists to the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth-grade students for the 2017-2018 school year. Each student, including those slated for an **honors-level course**, will be asked to read the **“required” book** for his/her grade level and **one more book** from the “suggested” list. Students in **resource-level or Small Group Setting (SGS) English classes** are expected to read **one book** of their choice over the summer; they do **not** need to read the “required” book. You will notice that the attached list contains titles for all students but with additional ones as well. Resource and SGS students may feel free to choose a book from this “additional” list as they are on a slightly lower reading level. Students enrolled in the **AP English courses** will be given a **totally different assignment** that is separate from these lists by their teachers. All students, however, are obviously encouraged to read beyond the previously described requirements. Please be mindful of helping your child choose a book that is commensurate with his/her reading ability. Also, please consult teachers, local librarians, and book websites as you aid your child in choosing books to gain information about reading levels and other information about various titles.

In order to complete the summer reading requirement, students (**not including** those in resource-level or SGS classes) should be prepared to take a reading comprehension test based on the required novel once they return to school. Also, within the first two weeks of school, your child (**including** those in resource-level and SGS classes) will complete a writing assignment based on the other book(s) that he/she read from the suggested list. In order to best prepare for this assignment, we encourage your child to keep a set of notes and/or an outline as he/she reads his/her suggested book(s). These notes and/or this outline may be used in class as your child crafts his/her individual writing assignment. A list of topics for consideration to help focus your child’s reading has also been included.

Both the test and the writing assignment will be administered in your child’s English class during the first two weeks of school. Specific dates for these assessments will be provided by your child’s teacher when he/she returns to school. For your convenience, the summer reading lists are posted on the ALJ website and they have been sent to the Clark Public Library and the Barnes & Noble store in Clark. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 732-574-9600 ext. 3392 or via e-mail at egrande@clarkschools.org.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy Reading!

Yours sincerely,
Edward Grande

9th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Suggested Titles:

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal

Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula LeGuin

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman

Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer

Astonishing Adventures of Fan Boy and Goth Girl by Barry Lyga

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Red Glass by Laura Resau

Runemarks by Joanne Harris

Dune by Frank Herbert

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

Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel by Jay Asher

The Naming by Alison Croggon

The Great Wide Sea by M.H. Herlong

13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

Tiger Moon by Antonia Michaelis

Nation by Terry Pratchett

Shelter by Harlan Corban

The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things by Carolyn Mackler

Luna by Julie Anne Peters

I Am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee (NF) by Charles Shields

Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10 (NF) by Marcus Luttrell

We Die Alone: A WWII Epic of Escape and Endurance (NF) by David Howarth

Additional Titles:

Snitch by Allison van Diepen

What My Mother Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones

Crank by Ellen Hopkins

You Don't Know Me by David Klass

Cut by Patricia McCormick

Pandora Gets Jealous by Carolyn Hennesy

10th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn

Suggested Titles:

Looking for Alaska by John Green

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Plainsong by Kent Haruf

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Mexican Whiteboy by Matt de la Pena

As Simple As Snow by Gregory Galloway

Peeled by Joan Bauer

Game by Walter Dean Myers

All We Know of Heaven by Jacquelyn Mitchard

Truancy by Isamu Fukui

Middleman and Other Stories by Bharati Mukherjee

Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson

Gym Candy by Carl Deuker

The Indigo Notebook by Laura Resau

Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater

Nothing Comes Easy by Y.A. Tittle with Kristine Setting Clark

Jumped by Rita Williams-Garcia

Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult, Jodi

The Future of Us by Jay Asher and Carolyn Mackler

Ties That Bind, Ties That Break by Lesley Namioka

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland (NF) by Sally M. Walker

Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter (NF) by Adeline Yen Mah

The Greatest Generation (NF) by Tom Brokaw

Finding Their Stride: A Team of Young Runners and Their Season of Triumph (NF) by Sally Pont

Into Thin Air (NF) by Jon Krakauer

Three Little Words: A Memoir by Ashley Rhodes-Courter

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Crank by Ellen Hopkins

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11th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Suggested Titles:

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

The Fifth Child, by Doris Lessing

The Natural by Bernard Malamud

Franny and Zooey by J.D. Salinger

Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Lords of Discipline by Pat Conroy

April Morning by Howard Fast

Rain of Gold by Victor E. Villasenor

The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent

Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

Shift by Jennifer Bradbury

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan C. Bradley

Tell No One: A Novel by Harlan Coben

Brother, I'm Dying by Edwidge Danticat

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

Homer and Langley by E.L. Doctorow

Before I Die by Jenny Downham

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus

Into the Wild (NF) by Jon Krakauer

No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row (NF) by Susan Kuklin

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story (NF) by Diane Ackerman

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier (NF) by Ishmael Beah

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12th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Kite-Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Suggested Titles:

Dead Man Walking by Sister Helen Prejean

A Hope in the Unseen by Ron Suskind

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen

Emma by Jane Austen

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Welcome to the Monkey House by Kurt Vonnegut

Little Children by Tom Perrotta

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chavalier

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Sister Wife by Shelley Hrdlitschka

Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld

The Last Exit to Normal by Michael B. Harmon

Identical by Ellen Hopkins

Unaccustomed Earths by Jhumpa Lahiri

Run by Ann Patchett

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs

Raider's Night by Robert Lipsyte

Shattering Glass by Gail Giles

We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will be Killed With Our Families: Stories From Rwanda (NF) by Phillip Gourevitch

Daughter of Persia: A Woman's Journal from her Father's Harem through the Islamic Revolution (NF) by Sattareh Farmaian

Girlbomb: A Halfway Homeless Memoir (NF) by Janice Erlbaum

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