



# Clark Public Schools

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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 2018-2019 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](mailto:egrande@clarkschools.org).

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy Reading!

Yours sincerely,

Edward Grande



## 9<sup>th</sup> 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

*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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## 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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