

May 29, 2019

Dear Parents of Rising Seventh and Eighth Grade Students:

This year, Hayfield Secondary School will continue its support of the Fairfax County Public Schools' initiative for summer reading. We believe that reading throughout the year is important, and we recommend that students read at least three books over the summer to keep their reading skills sharp. Each student is required to read at least one book.

It is also important that students have a choice in selecting their books. Recent reports from the National Council of Teachers of English describe guided student choice as a key component in successful summer reading. We hope that greater freedom to choose their own titles will increase students' interest in reading and will lead to greater overall achievement.

All middle school students should read at least one fiction book to be used for their summer reading project. This work of fiction should NOT be a book that has been turned into a movie.

Reading is crucial to academic achievement and we urge you to encourage your child to read many books, magazines, and newspaper articles over the summer months. FCPS librarians assisted in the development of a resource list that students and families can use to help with the selection of appropriate and interesting titles for summer reading. Go to <https://fcps.blackboard.com/bbcswebdav/orgs/ORG-FR-0-MSLA-1314-OTHER/Reading/index.html/> for suggestions. We hope that parents will be involved in guiding their children in making good choices for their reading.

At the beginning of each English course during the 2019-20 academic year, *all Seventh Grade students* will complete an assignment about their summer reading in class. Students should be sure to bring their book to class as they may need it to complete the project.

Eighth Grade Honors students will be expected to complete their project at home and submit it by September 6, 2019. All other Eighth Grade students will complete their summer reading assignment in class. We appreciate your help as we all work together to support the academic program at our school. Enjoy reading this summer!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Students enrolled in Eighth Grade Honors English should complete the summer reading project at home and submit it by the second week of school.

