

February 25, 2019

Dear Parents of Rising Eighth Grade Students:

I would like for the boys to read at least two books from the attached list during summer vacation. They must read Ernest Hemingway's The Old Man and the Sea and at least one other book. Additional books read will earn the boys medals and bonus credit in Literature during the first grading period in the fall. The students may read as many books from the list as they wish. Any novel read should be listed on a summer reading form, along with the necessary dates and your signature. Naturally, if a student has read a book from the list prior to summer vacation, that work should not be included on the form.

Note: the required novel plus two other books will earn a bronze medal; the required novel plus three other books will earn a silver medal; and the required novel plus four or more books will earn a gold medal.

Please note that The Old Man and the Sea will provide a springboard for a great deal of discussion and writing during the opening weeks of school. I would suggest that the boys not read the book too early in the summer, so that they will be able to remember the work with clarity. I also encourage them to annotate and write notes in the margins. **Note: the school will provide your son with a copy of the novel before the summer. The version of the book is the one I'd like them to use, so that page number citations on essays are uniform.**

Sincerely,

Brendan Moore