

2021 ECS Summer Reading

Hey Moms and Dads,

We made it to summer! While this school year has been a roller coaster, I'm so proud of how our teachers and students rose to the challenge. As someone who has friends that have had to teach online this past year, I'm so thankful to be at a school that was able to stay in-person. It truly is a great time to be an Eagle.

ECS is aware and sensitive to just how stressful this year has been on both parents and children. Therefore, while we are committed to challenging your students with rigorous reading throughout the school year, our summer reading books will be focused on titles that are fun and engaging for your child. We also want to make sure we are preventing our kids from falling prey to the summer slide. "Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, reading keeps the brain in shape. ... A University of Tennessee, Knoxville, research study shows that children who don't read over the summer lose at least two months of reading development. This is often referred to as 'the summer slide' or the 'summer learning loss.'" (Study.com)

The Summer Reading titles and assignments for your child's class are laid out in the attached '21 Summer Reading Assignment List. We love seeing our students hard at work, and cannot wait to be back with them in the classroom.

- Andy Gross
ECS English Department Chair

(Study.com) <https://study.com/blog/why-is-summer-reading-so-important-for-kids-success.html>

2021 US English Department Summer Reading Assignments

9th Grade:

Standard - [Till We Have Faces](#) by C. S. Lewis
Chapter Summaries and 200 Word Essay

Honors - [Till We Have Faces](#) by C. S. Lewis
Chapter Summaries and 350 Word Essay

[Henry V \(No Fear Shakespeare\)](#) by William Shakespeare
Chapter Summaries

10th Grade:

Standard - [The Screwtape Letters](#) by C. S. Lewis
See attached 10th Grade (Standard and Honors) Reading Assignment.

Honors - [The Screwtape Letters](#) by C. S. Lewis
See attached 10th Grade (Standard and Honors) Reading Assignment.

Student's choice between:

[The Fellowship Of The Ring](#) by J.R.R. Tolkien

[Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity](#) by Nabeel

[Qureshi Journey To The Well](#) by Diana Wallis Taylor (A fictional telling of the Samaritan Woman at the Well)
See attached 10th Grade (Standard and Honors) Reading Assignment.

11th Grade:

Standard - [The Crucible](#) by Arthur Miller
See attached 11th Grade (Standard and AP) Reading Assignment.

AP - [The Reason For God](#) by Tim Keller
See attached 11th Grade (Standard and AP) Reading Assignment.

12th Grade:

Standard - Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

The Best Of Things In Life by Peter Kreeft
See attached English 12 Summer Reading Assignment.

AP - Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky

The Best Of Things In Life by Peter Kreeft
See attached AP Lit Summer Reading Assignment.