

6th Grade English Honors

2024 Summer Reading

Please be advised that **6th Grade English Honors** requires participants to **read two (2) distinct novels** over the course of the summer in preparation for the coming school year. Further details concerning those two selections can be found below.

The TKA faculty and administration firmly believe that reading is an integral part of an educational institution. On a daily basis reading is promoted and assigned to expose the student to various styles of authors as we endeavor to promote a well-rounded student. Outside the classroom we also would like to encourage and develop a love of reading by allowing the student more flexible choices as they engage in the reading culture.

We believe that summer reading:

- Develops habits and skills that may increase an active imagination, a sustained attention span and the capacity for logical analysis and critical thinking.
- Stimulates the brain in more complex ways than images on television, videos or social media.
- Strengthens vocabulary and ultimately strengthens writing capabilities.
- Generates interest and pleasure in reading which will enrich their literary experience.
- Strengthens the bond between parent and child with meaningful conversations that may ensue.

Novel #1 of 2: You Choose

Parental Authorization Form

Select one book from the list below; we do ask that the student reads a book that he/she has never read before. The student should be prepared to present on the chosen book on his/her return from summer. Please have parent sign this form and take to your teacher on arrival back to school.

- *Word on Fire* by Jennifer Nielsen
- *The Black Pearl* by Scott O'Dell
- *My Side of the Mountain*
by Jean Craighead George
- *Strawberry Girl* by Lois Lenski
- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- *Twenty and Ten* by Claire Bishop
- *Understood Betsy* by Dorothy C. Fisher
- *My Friend Flicka* by Mary O' Hara
- *The Land of Stories Series* by Chris Colfer
- *Chronicles of Narnia Series* by C.S. Lewis
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events*
by Lemony Snicket
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society Series* by
Trenton Lee Stewart
- Any historical fiction novel from Alan Gratz or
Jennifer Nielsen

Book Title _____

Author _____

_____ (parent signature)

_____ (student signature)

Novel #2 of 2: We Choose

English 6 Honors

Welcome to English 6 Honors! In preparation for our upcoming year together, please read **one** of the following novels in addition to your book of choice noted above:

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodges Burnett

OR

Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

We would recommend that you read the novel of your choice (#1) at the start of the summer and save *The Secret Garden* or *Sign of the Beaver* (#2) until closer to the start of the school year. We would also recommend that you get used to writing in your novels, so underline/ highlight key words or ideas that strike you as important and make notes about your thinking in the margins. In order to ensure that you remember what you read, it is best at the end of each chapter to write a 3-5 sentence summary and any questions that chapter has left you thinking about.

The project and writing assignments associated with your summer readings will begin in class on the second day of school, so be prepared to bring your annotated books to class with you then. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Jenni Price over the summer break at Jprice@tka.net.

God Bless & Go Lions!