



Welcome SMA class of 2028!

We are so excited for you to begin your literary journey with us! As you enjoy your summer, we would like you to ponder the concept of **JOY**. What does joy mean to you? What does it mean to your family? How can one feel and act joyfully?

Over the summer we would like you to choose two novels that will bring you joy. Bring both on the first day of class. One of the two should be a novel that you feel would challenge you to grow as a reader and writer. The other can be just for fun! Both should bring you joy.

When we meet as a class in September, you will be sharing your observations about the author's choices and writing about your interpretation of joy in the novels you chose to read.

Have a brilliant summer and we can't wait to meet you and hear about the magic you discovered at the beginning of your literary journey here at SMA! Happy Summer!!

Warmly,

Ms. Whitty and Mrs. Haugen