

## 2025-2026 SUMMER READING and SCIENCE ACTIVITY

### Students Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students are to read one book this summer, *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. The reading acknowledgement forms will be collected on the first day of school. The students will continue their study of *The Outsiders*, during the first week(s) of school and will conclude with a major assignment. The book must be brought to class the first day and each day after. An individual writing assignment will be completed using the novel.

### ***Required by ALL:***

**The Outsiders** (BOOK IS PROVIDED BY SCHOOL, NEW STUDENTS PICK-UP AT SCHOOL OFFICE)  
S. E. Hinton

***Because studies show the importance of independent reading, we strongly recommend that students read other books this summer as well. Below are some other suggested books to read this summer:***

- **Fantasy**
  - Harry Potter (series)
  - Ranger's Apprentice (series)
- **Dystopian**
  - Hunger Games (series)
  - Cinder (series)
- **Adventure**
  - Michael Vey (series)
- **Sports Fiction**
  - look for novels by Mike Lupica
- **Scary stories**
  - Nightmare Academy
- **Mystery**
  - Wells & Wong
  - Moon Base Alpha
  - Capture the Flag (series)
  - Loot (series)
- **Realistic Fiction**
  - Front Desk
  - Counting by Sevens
  - Wish on all the Stars
- **WWII historical fiction**
  - Code Talkers
  - Shadow on the Mountain
  - Genivieve's War

## Summer Reading Acknowledgement

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the assigned novel, *The Outsiders*. I understand I may be tested over the information in this novel during the first weeks of the school year.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form and the completed questions below are due the first day of school.**

Please answer the following questions about *The Outsiders*. These questions ask you to think about your own reading. Please answer the questions with complete sentences. Use a **sharpened pencil** or a **blue** or **black** pen.

1. Compare and contrast the gangs. What is a characteristic of each?
2. Describe the relationships between the brothers. In your opinion, are these healthy? Why or why not?
3. In what ways are these characters forced to take adult roles? How does this affect them?
4. What does Ponyboy's conversation with Cherry reveal about both groups? Why is this important?

5. What prior events made the scene at the water fountain in the park plausible?
6. What is the importance of the leadership role that Johnny takes when the boys are in hiding?
7. What is the real significance of the rumble? Why?
8. How did the characters change throughout the novel? What events caused these changes?
9. Is the isolation that the characters feel self imposed or the result of socio-economics?
10. Are the characters in the novel good people making poor decisions or just bad people? Why?

## **Science Exercise for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

Students should learn the names and chemical symbols for the first twelve elements of the periodic table. Students should also review metric conversions for kilo, hecto, deca, base unit, deci, centi, and milli.

***Please be prepared for a quiz within the first week of school.***

Students can watch this video if needed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9FsYtbLMwk>

***The Outsiders***  
**Summer Reading Acknowledgement**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the assigned novel, *The Outsiders*. I understand I may be tested over the information in this novel at the start of the school year.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is due the first day of school.**

# FBCA Middle School Supply List 2025-2026

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE REQUIRED SUPPLIES:

### Organization Items:

- 3 3 ring durable 1.5" binder – assorted colors
- 2 Dividers, 5 slot, colored tabs
- 1 Pencil case, nylon w/metal grommets for binder (No Black)

### Paper Items:

- 2 Paper, 200 ct. wide ruled
- 1 Quad graph filler paper – 80 ct.
- 2 Notebooks, wide ruled, 70 ct. tb
- 1 100 index cards - no rings
- 1 Tracing Paper

### Writing Utensils:

- 1 Set Twist Up colored pencils
- 6 Pencils #2
- 3 Pencil, mechanical - .7mm – 12 pk.
- 6 Blue pens
- 6 Black pens
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Highlighters - assorted pack
- 1 Scissors, Schoolworks by Fiskars, 7"

### Other Items:

- 1 Ruler, 12" (30 cm)
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Compass
- 1 Set of headphones - Can be bluetooth or wired.  
*If you purchase wired ones they must be: USBC or 3.5mm analog audio cable*

**Calculators:** Must be purchased but parents need to choose which one depending on the level their student is entering

#### For Science and Pre-Algebra:

- 1 TI - 30XIIS

#### For Advanced Algebra

- 1 TS-84 Plus CE (second semester only)

### Classroom Supplies:

- 1 Clorox Wipes