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FDHS Summer Reading Initiative 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research shows that most youth lose about two months of academic knowledge over the summer months. In order to preempt this "summer slide" and as part of our efforts in preparing our students for Common Core and College and Career Readiness Assessments (CCR), all FDHS students are expected to complete a summer reading assignment.

Consequently, each grade level has been assigned a novel over the summer. In the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year each student must have read the assigned novel and submit a completed summer reading packet. Students will be assessed on their assigned text during the first week of school. Links to the summer assignments will be posted on the school website.

Students are expected to either buy the assigned novels or borrow one from a public library. In some cases students may also find free PDF versions of the text online.

The titles by grade levels for the **2018/2019** school year are as follows:

Rising 9th Grade- *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

Rising 10th Grade- *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Rising 11th Grade- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Rising 12th Grade -*Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell

In addition, our students will be creating accounts with Khan Academy. Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. Our aim is to improve our students' performance on CCR assessments.

Therefore, instead of waiting until next school year to continue preparing our students for these assessments, students will be expected to work on the practice and assessment activities in Khan Academy.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 SY a report will be generated which will show the amount of time that each student spent on Khan Academy; in turn, this information will be added as extra credit points to the summer assignment assessment.

Please note that students going into any of the AP/IB classes have additional summer assignments that they have to complete. Students assigned to or requesting AP Language or AP Literature must ensure that they collect the AP Summer Packets before leaving for the summer. Students may also pick up AP/IB packets from the counseling center during the summer months.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students' academic success.

Sincerely,

Wyceta Thompson
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