

June 2019

Happy Summer, Readers!

We hope you're ready for some sunshine and lots of fun travel plans. We even have a few suggestions to add to your summer itinerary. You could go to Chennai, India, New York City, Pakistan, Washington, D.C., Nebraska, Mississippi, Los Angeles, The Elizabeth Islands, South Carolina, 1587 England, Stalinist Era Soviet Union, ancient Rome, Planet Choom, or Lumberjane Scout Camp. Or maybe you'd like to visit the *Whydah* pirate ship, go to a Pride Parade, dance with Misty Copeland, attend a Stanford University summer program, follow four WWII refugees, or visit a beautiful kingdom called the Woodlands. And the best part is, you don't even need a passport! Just peruse the lists attached and choose your desired destination.

This year, Language Arts classes are fostering a closer collaboration with Mrs. McCullough in the library. The Friends Academy Library will now be offering a wider selection of Young Adult and Middle Grade books. As a result, our summer reading lists have also expanded to include a wider variety of literature. There is certainly something for everyone!

These books span a myriad of topics, come from a diverse list of authors, and some may include mature subject matter and language. We ask that families have a discussion this summer about reading topics, individual reading levels, and interests. Our goal is that students become fully aware of their own reading level and choose books that are appropriately challenging, of interest to them, and appropriate for their family culture. To aid in choosing, [www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org) is a great site that offers more information on the content of these books. Keep a look out later this summer for information regarding how Language Arts classes will interact with the library next school year.

Below are your assignments per grade:

**FA 6th Grade:**

1. D'Aulaires' Greek Myths by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
2. One other book from the Middlereads Reading List

**FA 7th Grade:**

1. Two books from either the Middlereads or Young Adult Reading lists

**FA 8th Grade**

1. The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede
2. Two books from either the Middlereads or Young Adult Reading lists

You can find your chosen reads in your local library, your local bookstore, or choose to read on an eReader. If you would like to use an audiobook to accompany your summer reading choices, please make sure you are following along with the text version as well.

Make sure you bring your books to class in September when we return so we can share our summer adventures with classmates!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Trepanier and Mrs. McCullough