



H.S. Summer Reading



Dear Parents and Guardians:

June 1, 2016

Research shows that independent reading strengthens a student's comprehension skills. The Summer Reading Program at WPSD requires our High School students, including incoming freshmen, to read during their summer vacation to improve their reading skills.

We want to make this assignment as enjoyable as possible. In addition, we want to ensure that each student is choosing books at his or her appropriate reading level.

*Students filled out the bottom portion of this page with his/her teacher regarding individual recommended reading levels.

*****Students should choose at least 2 books at or above this level. Then should complete the attached book report form for each book. Finally, they should use the book report form as a guide to write out each paragraph to turn in to the teacher on the first day of school.**

There are several ways to determine the reading level of a book. At libraries nearly all of the books are marked with an Accelerated Reader sticker. The color of the sticker corresponds with the reading level of the book. You can also look inside any book that has a colored sticker on the book spine and the reading level is included inside. If you are purchasing a book at a bookstore or have a book that is unmarked, then simply go to www.arbookfind.com and type in the title of the book. This website will tell you the reading level.

In order to convey the importance of summer reading, we have decided to increase the weight of the grade to 10% of the first 9 Weeks Reading/Literature grade. That means students who read two books and turn in two written reports will receive full credit for 10% of their first 9 Weeks Reading/Literature grade. If the student does not complete the reports, then the student will not receive credit for that assignment, and it will negatively impact his/her first 9 Weeks Reading/Literature grade.

Please review the requirements of the Summer Reading Program with your child. Hopefully students will choose books that they will enjoy. Thank you so much for your support. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

High School Reading and English Teachers