



## Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're excited to share our Summer Reading list for the 2018-2019 school year. We continue to adjust the program to give students the best possible experience while also upholding the desire to turn them into life-long readers. We know that people who read are more successful in all spheres of life, and we want to give your child her/his best opportunity to be successful both here at OSS and beyond. On the other side of this sheet, you'll find the summer reading lists. Please note that you do not need to purchase copies of these books and **the only summertime requirement is that all books are read *prior to the first day of school***. All additional work regarding the novel will be assigned after school has begun.

This year, all middle school students are required to pick 1 novel from the 2018-2019 Sunshine State Reading List. Students will read one book from that list as their choice novel and we will complete a project once we return to school. It is important that the novel is read prior to the start of school so that students would have ample time to complete the project. Project requirements will be given out during the first 2 weeks of school and will be counted as the first major grade in the English Language Arts classes.

In addition to the Sunshine State book, students are asked to read and complete all the short stories for their designated grade level. Students are to answer all the questions that come after the stories, unless otherwise stated. These short stories will give students the insight of what our curriculum will be like and will have different genres that we will be using this year. The short stories packet will be due the first week of school. Packets are available on the main OSS web site if the student needs an additional copy.

We hope that, at the end of their time at OSS, all our students leave with a deep love of the English language and for the stories that connect us. We hope that the summer reading will give students insight as to what to expect from their English Language Arts classes this year. We hope that they are more compassionate, thoughtful, and intelligent people. We hope that they will develop wisdom and the ability to look beyond the surface of a thing to see its deeper truths, whether that "thing" is a book, a political situation, or another person. We hope that they are wise and just and true in their dealings with the



world, and we *know* that great literature can help them to become all of those things. We thank you for entrusting them to us, and we thank you for your support as we guide them through these literary encounters, even those that may not make immediate sense to you. We also welcome your feedback and conversation. If you have any questions regarding the middle school summer reading, please contact Katrina Frunker ([frunker@orlandoscience.org](mailto:frunker@orlandoscience.org)).

Sincerely,

The OSS Middle School ELA Department

It's important to note that students are expected to complete all summer reading ***prior to the first day of school***. Please make arrangements to complete the reading even if you will be traveling during the summer as only those students who register *after* the 2018-2019 school year has begun will be exempt from this expectation. The project will be completed during the school year **but not during class time**. Every student is expected to complete the project on time and participate in the literacy event(s) that will be held during first semester. This is part of their ELA grade.

INCOMING 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:

1. One book from the summer reading list (see attached)[project]
2. Short stories in packet[assigned by teacher]

INCOMING 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:

1. One book from the summer reading list (see attached)[project]
2. Short stories in packet[assigned by teacher]

INCOMING 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:

1. One book from the summer reading list (see attached)[project]
2. Short stories in packet[assigned by teacher]