

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the 2019/2020 school year draws to a close, it is my pleasure to present to you our 2020 Summer Reading Assignment. Summer reading is an important activity for your child's intellectual growth and development. It encourages students to continue learning while still providing them with fun and enjoyment.

Vineland Public Charter School students entering grade 8 are required to read The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. The required book must be read during the summer in preparation for a mini-unit which will be introduced by the 8th grade Language Arts Literacy teacher at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. The length of the unit will be conducted during the first week of school and will be preceded by an assessment.

Students have the option to read a second book from our suggested book list and complete a project for **extra credit** towards a project grade for the 1st quarter. Extra credit projects are due **Friday, September 4th**.

Happy Reading!

SUMMER READING DIRECTIONS:

1. Please read the required book, THE OUTSIDERS by S.E. HINTON. This book can be found at the Vineland Library as well as surrounding library systems (Millville and Bridgeton). In the event that the library is closed, or you are unable to go to the library, most books can be found on the internet in PDF format. Just search the title of the book followed by PDF in the google search engine. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Christine Downing at downingc@cccharters.org.

2. Complete a project from the suggested summer reading book list for extra credit.

For the 8th Grade Summer Reading Extra Credit Assignment, we have compiled a list of novels, many recommended by the local librarian, with a variety of reading levels and subject matter. I encourage all students and their parents or guardians review this list before making their book selection. Most books are available and can be checked out from your local library. After reading the books, students can create a project inspired from their reading. Carefully review the criteria and the variety of project suggestions that are provided. All participating students

will have the opportunity to present their extra credit projects during the week of **Friday, September 4th**. Projects will count as an extra credit project grade for the 1st trimester. All projects are due to your homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 4th**.

EXTRA CREDIT PROJECTS

- Novel Playlist: Produce a playlist of at least 5 musical selections that reflect any of the following and briefly explain why you choose the song and how it connects to your novel.
Theme
Main idea
Author's purpose/perspective/character's life
- Facebook Page: Create a pretend Facebook page for the main character. Include the groups the character would join, provide three status updates, identify 5 people the character would choose as friends and justify your choices for the characters with brief explanation using text evidence. **The template for this can be downloaded from our school website.*
- Inside /Out Character Study
Identify and discuss the external and internal attributes in a character that you have chosen. Discuss how these attributes affect the decisions that the character makes throughout novel.
- Change the ending
Write a one-page different ending to your novel.
- You Magically Become a Character in Your Novel
Pretend you could magically enter your novel. Write a short essay explaining what event, setting or conflict you would enter and why. How would your being there change the story? How would you connect yourself to the characters?
Minimum: three paragraph entry.
- Book review
Write a pretend review of your novel for Amazon.com. Give two opinions about the novel and cite examples using quotations from the novel to support your opinion. Include supporting details explaining why you would recommend this novel and to what audience you think the novel is written for.
Minimum: three paragraph entry.

REQUIRED READING:

The Outsiders-S.E. Hinton

SUGGESTED READING:

Hoops- Walter D. Myers

Artemus Fowl-Eoin Colfer

Life as we Knew it-Susan Beth Pfeffer

Gregor the Overlander- Suzanne Collins

The Lost Conspiracy-Miriam Jensen Hendrix

The Maze Runner-James Dashner

Treasure Island-Robert Louis Stevenson

The Sea of Trolls-Nancy Farmer

Hush-Judy Brown

Crash-Jerry Spinelli