May 2019

Dear West Memorial Junior High Parents:

In Katy ISD, students are encouraged to read for pleasure over the summer. Summer reading provides many advantages for students, including maintaining skills, fostering independent learning, and promoting a lifelong love of reading.

Additionally, students who enroll in PreAP or AP English courses in grades 6-12 are expected to read an appropriately challenging work of literary merit over the summer to create an initial common framework for course discussion and study.

PreAP and AP English courses offered in grades 6 – 12 are designed to develop reading, writing, and thinking skills necessary for success in these courses and the Advanced Placement examinations available upon completion of AP English courses. Students who are successful on Advanced Placement exams may be awarded credit for college English courses recognized by most colleges and universities.

Your child has requested Language Arts 7E PreAP, Language Arts 7R PreAP or Language Arts 7C PreAP/ GT for the upcoming school year. For the summer of 2019, students will carefully read one of the following titles:

**Language Arts 7E PreAP, Language Arts 7R PreAP or Language Arts 7C PreAP/GT:**

*Legend* by Marie Lu  
*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton*  
*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead*

*Denotes a district choice for all Katy ISD students. However, students can choose any text from the above list.

The guiding questions below provide the student with a focus for his/her reading. After classroom instruction, these guiding questions and the summer reading text will provide the basis for discussion and writing in the fall semester.

**Guiding Questions:**

- How does the conflict contribute to the rising action?  
- How does the turning point develop within the story?  
- How does the resolution wrap up the story?

Students are encouraged to read additional books of their choice throughout the summer for enjoyment and to maintain literacy skills. Students will be expected to read widely from a variety of texts throughout the school year.

Encourage your child to complete this reading by the start of school in August. All students must complete the reading no later than Monday, August 19, 2019.

A copy of this letter can be found online at: [http://bit.ly/1E4kPM6](http://bit.ly/1E4kPM6) under the PreAP/AP & PreAP/AP GT Summer Reading link. A parent who has a concern with the text options may contact Amanda Palmer at amandakpalmer@katyisd.org or 281.237.7059 or Nina Anderson at carolineeanderson@katyisd.org or 281.396.2121.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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Please sign and return to your student’s current English teacher.

_____ My child and I have received notice of summer reading for Language Arts 7E PreAP, Language Arts 7R PreAP or Language Arts 7C PreAP/GT.

In the fall of 2019, my child will attend: (check one)

_____ Beckendorff Junior High
_____ Beck Junior High
_____ Cardiff Junior High
_____ Cinco Ranch Junior High
_____ Katy Junior High
_____ Mayde Creek Junior High
_____ McDonald Junior High

_____ McMeans Junior High
_____ Memorial Parkway Junior High
_____ Morton Ranch Junior High
_____ Tays Junior High
_____ Seven Lakes Junior High
_____ Stockdick Junior High
_____ West Memorial Junior High
_____ WoodCreek Junior High

Parent Printed Name________________________________________________

Parent Signature __________________________________________________

Student Printed Name_______________________________________________

Student Signature _________________________________________________

Date_____________________________________________________________