

**SGA SUMMER READING LIST
2009-2010**

May 1, 2009

Dear Parents:

Southwest Georgia Academy makes reading an integral part of its' curriculum. With this goal in mind and realizing that learning is an on-going process, we are sending home a recommended summer reading list for students entering first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades. Students entering grades 6-12 have one mandatory novel to read.

Extensive reading has been shown to be the basis for elevated test scores. SGA wants to give each of its students every opportunity to be the best they can be. Therefore, we hope that you will support our efforts by encouraging your child to read!

Have a happy, safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in August when SGA begins its thirty-ninth year of operation.

Sincerely,

Doug Dease
Head of School

STUDENTS ENTERING FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH:

You as a parent can help your child in these grades by encouraging him or her to read every day and by providing books, which your child can read.

Reading is done so that ground is not lost during the summer months. See that your child reads independently at least one book per week. If this is a chore for him/her, the book is too difficult. Let your child read a book that he/she likes and can read with ease. It is important that reading be enjoyable!!! Allow your child to read to you. This will help the reader to build confidence.

Each student is encouraged to read twelve (12) books on his level. Look for Caldecott Winners, Newberry Award Winner, Judy Blume, Hardy Boys, or Nancy Drew books, for example.

Students are also encouraged to join the local public library's summer reading program. All students who bring a list of 12 plus books read and/or a summer reading certificate will be given credit at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. The type/amount of credit given will be at the discretion of each teacher.

SUMMER READING LIST: GRADES 6-12

Listed below is the novel required for students entering each grade to read over the summer.

Students will be tested over the novel during the beginning of the school year.

6th Grade:

Belle Prater's Boy – **Ruth White**

7th Grade:

Worth - **A. LaFaye**

8th Grade:

Number the Stars-**Lois Lowry**

9th Grade:

The Hunger Games – **Suzanne Collins**

10th Grade:

Life of Pi-**Yann Martel**

11th Grade:

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn-**Mark Twain**

12th Grade:

Frankenstein-**Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley**