

Hello 8th graders,

Happy almost summer!!!! Let's celebrate with some reading!

Every single one of you has grown and learned much this school year. The last thing we, your parents and I, want to take place is for you to lose that growth. According to study.com, reading over the summer will help you retain learning and keep critical thinking skills needed for the next school year. Reading over the summer can give growth in reading proficiency, and can increase your progress in vocabulary, spelling, AND math. All of these things will help your transition into 8th grade in August, giving you the opportunity for higher success. In the article "The importance of reading over the summer holidays", reading over the summer is equated to doing physical exercise. We exercise to keep our bodies healthy and strong. We read to keep our brains active and healthy as well.

Your assignment:

- Read the novel *Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton**
- Answer the question for each chapter. The questions can be found on my website linked to the bottom of my email and on Canvas. You can answer these question digitally on the Google Doc or on paper. They must be turned in the first full week of school.
- Watch the movie 😊 and write a paragraph to share. Your paragraph should answer the following question: **How true to the novel did the movie stay? Why do you think the producers made the decisions they did?**
- Complete, or do your best to complete, the Reading Challenge of your choice. If you need book recommendations please email me (eessig@desertchristianacademy.org). On the back of the challenge paper explain your choice for "Favorite book from this challenge". Format matters.

The book *The Outsiders* will be the novel we start the year off with, reviewing and learning standards and skills. We will not be reading the novel in class but will be working with the novel as a whole as well as with small sections of the novel in close reads. It is imperative, super important, that you read it over the summer so you start off the year strong and are able to participate in and complete all assignments. I have a class set of this novel we will use in class, so you do not have to purchase a copy of the book unless you want to. You can check it out from the library or read it on Kindle or a similar app.

Please feel free to email me with any questions. I will be checking my email regularly and will get back to you. Remember, the point of this is to continue reading so you don't lose skills. I picked a book that isn't difficult and should be somewhat entertaining.

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