

Summer 2020



Dear parents,

Attached please find the Broadwater Academy English and social studies summer reading lists for grades 4-12. Titles have been thoughtfully selected based on a number of factors, including their relevance to your child's grade-specific English and social studies curricula.

Students are allowed to access audio versions of the texts, many of which are available for free on YouTube. We require that **students who opt to use audio versions of the titles also follow along in a text copy** of the book as they listen in order to benefit fully from the vocabulary-building and reading-fluency aspects of the summer reading experience. In the fall, students will need to have access to text versions of the books in order to participate in classroom activities and assessments.

It is worth noting that your child does not need a Kindle or other e-reader in order to access e-books; by downloading the free Kindle app, students can use any device or PC as an e-reader.

We hope you will encourage your child to read regularly this summer, and we thank you for your support. Finding the best texts to challenge, inspire, and motivate our students is always our intention.

Sincerely,

Michele Whitaker & Katherine Lacks

## 2020 Summer Reading Titles for English and Social Studies



### Grade 4

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo - there are a few that still have not been picked up at school

### Grade 5

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

### Grade 6

Choose one of the Following:

*Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

*Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson

\*Directions on the writing assignment were emailed separately to both parents and students

### Grade 7

This is the combined summer reading requirement for Language Arts and History for 7th Grade:

Read *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Read *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Complete 2 annotations per chapter for each book (Annotation instructions are in the linked attachment)

Bring copies of both books and annotations with you on the first day

[Full directions here](#)

### Grade 8

This is the combined summer reading requirement for Language Arts and History for 8th Grade:

Choose one fiction book

Choose one non-fiction book

Email Mr. Hartman ([jhartman@broadwateracademy.org](mailto:jhartman@broadwateracademy.org)) to approve your book choices

Complete 30 annotations for each book (Annotation instructions are in the linked attachment)

Bring copies of both books and annotations with you on the first day

[Full directions and some book suggestions here](#)

### Grade 9

English: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Social Studies: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

### Grade 10

English: *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

Social Studies: *The Places in Between* by Rory Stewart

**Grade 11**

English: *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

Social Studies: Choose one of the following

- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
- *In Harm's Way: the Sinking of the USS Indianapolis & the Extraordinary Story of its Survivors* by Doug Stanton
- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X, as told to Alex Haley

**Grade 12**

English: *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson

Social Studies: *1984* by George Orwell