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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

I am sure you would agree with us that reading is an important and indispensable skill for anyone who wishes to be successful in life, particularly students at every level of education. As a college preparatory school we feel that reading is a skill which needs to be mastered if students are going to achieve their fullest potential. While summer is primarily a time for students to rest and recharge for the coming school year, it is important that they maintain some connection to their academics. This is why it is important that students continue to read even during the summer break. Below is a list of works we have chosen because of their literary merit and/or importance. This list is by no means comprehensive, however. Anything students read will be of benefit to them. We suggest that students read approximately 30 hours this summer. This translates into approximately ½ hour per day.

For Freshman:

We have created a summer reading project that each Freshman is expected to complete before entering St. Edmund Prep in the fall. Below is a list of works we consider to have literary merit. We would suggest you encourage your son or daughter to read as many works as he/she is able to and feels compelled to read. A minimum of THREE books, however, must be read. For each of these three books the student should write a one-page reaction paper summarizing and discussing the major themes presented in the work. These summaries will be collected on the first full day of classes in September.

For Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors:

There will not be any formal assignment due in September. Therefore, we are encouraging you, the parents and guardians, to see to it that students include structured reading as part of their summer vacation.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing all of you in September.

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### **Freshman Summer Reading List:**

Alcott, Louisa May – Little Women  
Angelou, Maya - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Buck, Pearl - The Good Earth  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson - The Secret Garden  
Clark, Walter Van Tilburg - The Ox-Bow Incident  
Crane, Stephen - The Red Badge of Courage  
Dickens, Charles - Great Expectations  
Elliot, George - The Mill on the Floss  
Frank, Anne - The Diary of Anne Frank  
Franklin, Benjamin - Autobiography of Ben Franklin  
Goldman, William - The Princess Bride

Griffin, John Howard - Black Like Me  
Hemingway, Ernest - The Sun Also Rises  
Hersey, John - A Bell for Adano  
Kennedy, John F. - Profiles in Courage  
Malamud, Bernard - The Assistant  
Montgomery, L.M. – Anne of Green Gables  
Potok, Chiam - The Chosen  
Tan, Amy - The Joy Luck Club  
Twain, Mark - Tom Sawyer  
Verne, Jules - 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
Wells, H.G. - War of the Worlds  
Wharton, Edith - Ethan Frome

### **Sophomore Summer Reading List:**

Bolt, Robert - A Man for All Seasons  
Bradbury, Ray - Fahrenheit 451  
Cather, Willa - My Antonia  
Cooper, James Fenimore – The Last of the Mohicans  
DeFoe, Daniel - Robinson Crusoe  
Dickens, Charles - Hard Times  
Dumas, Alexandre - The Three Musketeers  
Elliot, George - Silas Marner  
Ellison, Ralph - The Invisible Man  
Hawthorne, Nathaniel - House of the Seven Gables  
Hemingway, Ernest - A Farewell to Arms  
Kipling, Rudyard - Captains Courageous  
Knowles, John - A Separate Peace

Lewis, Sinclair - Elmer Gantry  
London, Jack - Call of the Wild  
Malamud, Bernard - The Natural  
McCarthy, Cormac - All the Pretty Horses  
Steinbeck, John - Tortilla Flat  
Stevenson, Robert L. - Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
Stowe, Harriet Beecher - Uncle Tom's Cabin  
Trumbo, Dalton - Johnny Got His Gun  
Twain, Mark - Huckleberry Finn  
Washington, Booker T. - Up From Slavery  
Wells, H.G. - The Time Machine  
Wilder, Thornton - The Bridge of San Luis Rey

### **Junior Summer Reading List:**

Austen, Jane - Pride and Prejudice  
Bronte, Charlotte – Jane Eyre  
Bronte, Emily – Wuthering Heights  
Cather, Willa – O Pioneers!  
Cervantes, Miguel - Don Quixote  
Dickens, Charles - A Tale of Two Cities  
Dickey, James - Deliverance  
Drieser, Theodore - Sister Carrie  
Fitzgerald, F. Scott - Tender Is the Night  
Frazier, Charles - Cold Mountain  
Hardy, Thomas - Tess of the D'Urbervilles  
Hawthorne, Nathaniel - The Scarlet Letter  
Hugo, Victor - The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Kerouac, Jack - On the Road  
Lewis, Sinclair - Main Street  
Malcom X - The Autobiography of Malcolm X  
Maugham, Somerset - Of Human Bondage  
Melville, Herman - Moby Dick  
Morrison, Toni - Tar Baby  
O'Brien, Tim - Going After Cacciato  
Orwell, George - 1984  
Sinclair, Upton - The Jungle  
Steinbeck, John - Grapes of Wrath  
Vonnegut, Kurt - Slaughterhouse-Five  
Wharton, Edith - Age of Innocence

### **Senior Summer Reading List:**

Austen, Jane - Emma  
Camus, Albert - The Plague

James, Henry - Daisy Miller  
Lawrence, D.H. - Women in Love

Cather, Willa - Death Comes for the Archbishop  
Dickens, Charles - David Copperfield  
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor - The Brothers Karamazov  
Elliot, George - Middlemarch  
Faulkner, William - As I Lay Dying  
Forster, E.M. - Passage to India  
Greene, Graham - The Power and the Glory  
Hardy, Thomas - Far from the Madding Crowd  
Heller, Joseph - Catch 22  
Hurston, Zora Neale - Their Eyes Were Watching God  
Irving, John - The Robe

Morrison, Toni - Song of Solomon  
O'Brien, Tim - The Things They Carried  
O'Neill, Eugene - Long Day's Journey into Night  
Rand, Ayn - The Fountainhead  
Salinger, J.D. - Catcher in the Rye  
Shaw, George Bernard - Major Barbara  
Stone, Irving - The Agony and the Ecstasy  
Tolstoy, Leo - Anna Karenina  
Williams, Tennessee - A Streetcar Named Desire  
Woolf, Virginia - To The Light House