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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