**Sussex Academy Summer Reading 2017**

This summer you will need to read two books from the appropriate grade level list. You must complete **FOUR** summaries for **EACH** book. If you choose to, you may complete summaries for each and every chapter in the book.

* You will need to summarize what happens in the first quarter-of-the book, halfway through the book, three-quarters of the way through the book, and at the end of the book OR a summary for each individual chapter.
* Please make sure that you stop at the end of a chapter when you write your summary, not in the middle of the chapter.
* Please write your first and last name at the top of each page along with the book title (underlined and capitalized correctly please).
* Please submit on the first day of school to your reading teacher on lined paper. No folders are necessary. You will be able to staple your work prior to submitting.
* Please write on the front and back of your lined paper.

**What Is Summarizing?**  
Summarizing is how we take large amounts of text and whittle it down to the bare essentials: the gist, the key ideas, and the main points that are worth mentioning and remembering. It is the condensing of a larger work into the most basic and important ideas.

A summary for a fictional novel is a short description of the most important events in a story. The summary will tell what happens. When summarizing a story, the reader needs to include important information about the characters, plot, and setting.

**Please DO the following:**

* tell what happens in the story
* include the most important information about the characters, plot and setting
* write clearly so that someone who has not read the book understands what the book is about.
* write legibly

**Please DO NOT do the following:**

* write down everything
* write down next to nothing
* copy word for word
* make predictions
* express your opinions
* quote the text
* repeat dialogue

**Someone who has not read the book you have summarized should be able to understand the storyline when they read your summaries.**

Grade 6 Summer Reading List

***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio - **REQUIRED reading for incoming 6th graders**

Students should choose one book from the following list:

***Among the Hidden*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

***Fever 1793*** by Laura Halse Anderson

***Flush*** by Carl Hiassen

***The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan

***The Last Shot*** by John Feinstein

***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon Draper

***Red Kayak*** by Pat Cummings

Grade 7 Summer Reading List

***The Girl in the Well is Me*** by Karen Rivers (realistic fiction)

***Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*** by Doulas Adams (science fiction)

***The Body In The Woods*** by April Henry (mystery)

***A List of Cages*** by Robin Roe (realistic fiction, some mature content)

***The Playbook***, 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life – Kwame Alexander (nonfiction)

***Thieving Weasels*** by Billy Taylor (realistic fiction)

Grade 8 Summer Reading List

***Chains*** byLaurie Halse Anderson - **REQUIRED reading for incoming 8th**

**graders**

***Between The Shades of Gray*** by Rupta Sepetys

***The Secret Life of Bees*** by Sue Monk Kidd

***Tuesdays With Morrie*** by Mitch Albom

***Getting Away With Murder*** by Christopher Crowe

***The Schwa Was Here*** by Neal Schusterman

***Notes from a Midnight Driver*** Jordan Sonnenblick