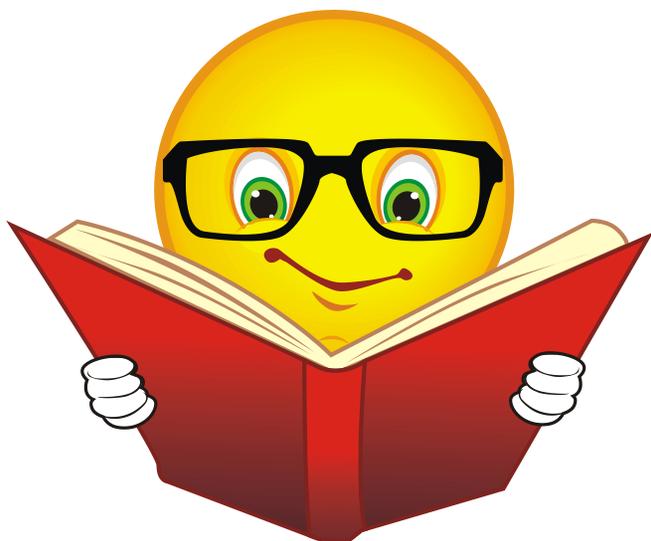


Why summer reading?

*The more books you **READ**
during the **SUMMER**
the **BETTER** you'll
do in school.*



*The more you **READ**,
the better you **WRITE!***

Remember...

Do
your
summer
reading!

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

1. If a student will be registered for two "A" English courses due to failure, the student is responsible for reading the higher level book. For example, if a student will be taking 10A for the first time and repeating 9A, that student will read the 10th grade book.
2. Any new student to the district who enters before August 15th will be responsible for doing the summer reading and will be given the information at the time of registration. Any student entering after August 15th will not be required to complete the summer reading.
3. Honors students will be expected to read two books. One will be assessed at the time of testing and the other will be assessed during the course.
4. All tests and alternative forms of evaluations are based on the discretion of the individual teacher for each course.



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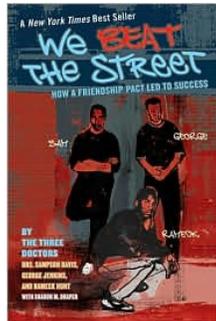
9th Grade

**The ninth grade summer assignment is to read *We Beat the Street*.
You will be assessed on your summer reading during the first week of school.**

Students are responsible for obtaining their own books.

We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt with Sharon Draper

Growing up on the rough streets of Newark, New Jersey, Rameck, George, and Sampson could easily have followed their childhood friends into drug dealing, gangs, and prison. But when a presentation at their school made the three boys aware of the opportunities available to them in the medical and dental professions, they made a pact among themselves that they would become doctors. It took a lot of determination-and a lot of support from one another-but despite all the hardships along the way, the three succeeded. Retold with the help of an award-winning author, this younger adaptation of the adult hit novel *The Pact* is a hard-hitting, powerful, and inspirational book that will speak to young readers everywhere.



When you read for PLEASURE, you build COMPREHENSION, VOCABULARY and READING SPEED.



When you read A MILLION WORDS A YEAR, you add at least A THOUSAND WORDS to your vocabulary.
-Center for the Study of Reading, University of Illinois

Book summaries from Barnes and Noble.com

Students enrolled in Honors English Nine are also required to read *The Secret Life of Bees*.

The Secret Life of Bees

by Sue Monk Kidd
South Carolina in 1964 is a place and time of seething racial divides. When violence explodes one summer afternoon, and Rosaleen is arrested and beaten, Lily is desperate, not only to save Rosaleen, but to flee a life she can no longer endure. Calling upon her colorful wits and uncommon daring, she breaks Rosaleen out of jail and the two of them take off, runaway-fugitives conjoined in an escape that quickly turns into Lily's quest for the truth about her mother's life.

Following a trail left ten years earlier, Lily and Rosaleen end up in the home of three bee-keeping sisters. No ordinary women, the sisters revere a Black Madonna and tend a unique brand of female spirituality that reaches back to the time of slavery. As Lily's life becomes deeply entwined with theirs, she is irrevocably altered. In a mesmerizing world of bees and honey, amid the strength and power of wise women, Lily journeys through painful secrets and shattering betrayals, finding her way to the single thing her heart longs for most.

