

June 5, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your son/daughter is enrolled in Honors English at Oscar Smith Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. The curriculum for this course has been designed to challenge students to maintain high standards in all aspects of language study—composition, literature, grammar, and oral communication. Therefore, in order to promote continuing success during the summer months, all students should read. The English curriculum of Chesapeake Public Schools states that all Honors English students read and complete the required reading assessments. The following chart lists the city-wide reading requirements:

Rising sixth grade Honors English students – 1 fiction

Rising seventh grade Honors English students –1 nonfiction

Rising eighth grade Honors English students – 1 fiction, 1 nonfiction

The reading requirement must be met by **Monday, September 21, 2009**, and will be counted as a test grade in English class. The summer reading does not count towards any other reading assignment. However, your child will have various other reading assignments on other novels and works of literature during the first nine weeks. The city-wide assignments are attached and are also available on our web-site <http://cps.k12.va.us> along with the approved reading list for Oscar Smith Middle.

Students may meet this requirement by choosing books from home that are on the reading list, purchasing from a bookstore, or checking out from the public library. Oscar Smith Middle School will be closed to students this summer due to construction and moving; therefore, students will not be able to check out books from the school.

Thank you for your continued help and support!

Sincerely,

Linda Scott, Ed.D.
Principal

K. Little, English Department Chair