

Casteel Colts Language Arts Summer Reading Lists 2015/2016



Hello Future Colts and Colts' Parents and Guardians,

We would like to start with a warm welcome to the Colts' Family and a sincere thank you for choosing Casteel as the school of choice for you and your student.

Second, we have been talking a great deal about ELA standards and student literacy. We value your time and that of your student and know that your time together is often too brief and very valuable. Because literacy is integral to your child's education, we highly encourage your child to engage in reading over the summer. What may be unique for you, is that at Casteel, we believe that it is important for your child to enjoy their reading experience. As a result, your child will be able to choose from a suggested summer reading list, rather than a formal required reading assignment. If none of these titles interests your child, then we encourage them to pick one of their own that would challenge them. The most important thing is that they read a little bit every day.

Each Language Arts teacher at Casteel has provided a list of his or her favorite young adult books for your reading enjoyment as a place to start. Also included are books that your students will be reading throughout the school year, so if they would like to get a head start, they do have those titles available.

Lastly, please be aware of what your child has chosen to read. We have taken great care to suggest appropriate texts; however, parental approval of all reading choices is recommended.

Best wishes,

Your Casteel English Language Arts Department

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Suggested Reading Lists:

Mr. Stermer's Picks

7th Grade: *Hatchet* and *Guts* by Gary Paulsen

(*Guts* is Mr. Paulsen's memoir about the events in his life that inspired the *Hatchet* series.)

Mr. Stermer's Picks continued

8th Grade: *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

9th Grade: *2001: A Space Odyssey* by Arthur C. Clarke

Mrs. Ramirez's Picks

7th Grade: *Code Talkers* by Joseph Bruchac

8th Grade: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

9th Grade: *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers

Ms. Duering's Picks

7th Grade: *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

8th Grade: *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

9th Grade: *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

Mrs. Fredrickson's Picks

7th Grade: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

8th Grade: *The Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan

9th Grade: *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

Ms. Krohmer's Picks:

7th Grade: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

8th Grade: *Between the Lines* and *Off the Page* (sequel) by Jodi Picoult

9th Grade: *Night* by Elie Wiesel

We will be reading the following texts next year in class if you would like to get a head start:

7th Grade

1. *Sorry Wrong Number*
2. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*

3. *Castle*
4. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
5. *Why We Can't Wait*
6. *Call of the Wild*

8th Grade

1. *Animal Farm*
2. *House on Mango Street*
3. *Diary of Anne Frank: A Play*
4. *Taming of the Shrew*
5. *Fahrenheit 451*
6. *Lord of the Flies*

9th Grade

1. *Night*
2. *Romeo and Juliet*
3. *To Kill a Mockingbird*