

Summer Reading

Bishop Seabury English 7 – Bryan

Before school starts in August, every incoming seventh grader must read **two books**:

- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer.

You will need a COPY of each book (print or digital) for class discussion during 1st quarter. I am not concerned about which editions you read—but you must be able to bring it with you to class.

For each of the two books, please send me an interesting POSTCARD that includes these 5 things:

1. your name
2. the name of the book you have finished
3. the date you finished it
4. a Top 5 list a character in your book would write based on something important from the book:
 - Make sure you include the character's name in a creative title for your list. For Example: *Matt's Top Five Reasons It's Hard to Make Friends*
 - Start at 5 and work your way down to 1 (which should be the most important).
 - **Do not** merely create a list of characters, etc....the best lists will include some sort of **analysis** and will reveal thoughtful reading.
5. a parent signature for each postcard, vouching for the fact that you have finished the book.

Please send only *one book title per card*. Mail your cards to my home address by **FRIDAY, AUG. 7**:

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A few tips:

- Pace your reading so that you aren't desperate to finish in early August. Reading should be enjoyable... don't make it work.
- **Keep simple notes on the books you read** - if you take notes in the Composition Notebook you plan on using for English 7, skip the first few pages before you start writing. You will need to remember the main characters and what they were like, the story's major problem, the setting, and perhaps the scenes that most captured your imagination or that taught you something.
- Take a picture of your postcards before you send them, just in case.
- If you didn't know you were coming to Seabury until late in the summer, read *The House of the Scorpion* first.

Have fun reading, and I look forward to hearing about what you learn!

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