

**2012 - 2013 JAMES S. RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
GRADES 9 - 12**

Attention all students of James S. Rickards High School. As an extension of our philosophy of continuous learning, the summer of 2012 continues the tradition and the promise of intriguing reading activities. Every student is responsible for the reading and associated activity as outlined below.

Students are to select **one** independent reading novel from the works listed for their assigned English class and complete a Major Works Data Sheet (MWDS). The MWDS is a tool students will use to gather details and record personal insight about the book they will choose to read. Students will also find a guide for completing the MWDS, and a rubric for grading the MWDS. Upon their return to school, students will be directed to complete a "Summer Reading Choice Board" that will serve as an assessment of their reading. All MWDS documents and this list will be accessible via the James S. Rickards High School Summer Assignment Website. The Summer Reading Choice Board assignment will not be posted as it will be completed when students return in August.

Whatever book you select to read will be directly related to the content of your English class, so it is important to put forth your best effort. It will pay off once the school year begins and rigorous work is assigned. At James S. Rickards High School, we use the Springboard curriculum which is designed to help students to be college ready or post-secondary ready. This means we encourage all students to pursue education beyond the completion of high school, with a goal of having all students prepared to be successful.

Questions regarding the 2012-2013 JSRHS Summer Reading Assignment may be directed to your child's current English teacher, to Mrs. Ivy Watkins watkinsi@leonschools.net (English Department Chair), or to Mr. Patrick Wright wrightp@leonschools.net (Asst. Principal, Curriculum).

Enjoy your summer break!!

Sincerely,

JSRHS English Department

Incoming 9th graders---English 1/English 1 Honors

The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger

Monster, Walter Dean Myers

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

A Separate Peace, John Knowles

She's So Money, Cherry Cheva

Slam, Walter Dean Myers

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie, David Lubar

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

Stargirl, Jerry Spinelli

Twisted, Laurie Halse Anderson

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Michael Dorris

Ellen Foster, Kaye Gibbons

The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain