

## Summer 2025 Required Summer Reading Assignments 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>

Salaam!

“Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink in the wild air!” -Ralph Waldo Emerson

As you relax this Summer, please take along the following reads. Build your focus and your communication skills. We will start the new school year with Socratic Circles, so be ready to add your comments, points, opinions, observations, questions, funny impressions, and whatever else you'd like to share with the group.

Instructions:

I. Read the assigned book very carefully

- Annotate (make notes) in your book as follows:
  - Circle all words you do not know – look up and write definitions in margin
  - Highlight important quotes in each chapter with a note to remind yourself why you like that quote or story
  - Write a 3-sentence summary at end of each chapter in your book on a blank spot
  - Write tidbit notes about important actions in the margins of the book, so you'll look super intelligent during the Socratic Circle at the beginning of the year
- Write 3 index cards of interesting points that only you will notice and be prepared to share a few of your thoughts and opinions about those points in the Socratic Circle during the first week of school

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – The Call of the Wild by Jack London

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Happy Reading!

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