

TANDEM FRIENDS SCHOOL

Summer Reading 2009



**How many a man has dated a new era in his life
from the reading of a book?**

~ Henry David Thoreau (1854) ~

Dear Friends,

Our hope for summer reading is that it will nourish our students' love of reading. Some teachers like to begin the year with a common book; others simply want their students to read. With that in mind, book requirements for some grades have been chosen for accessibility and themes satisfying curricular needs. Students also are encouraged to independently choose from books that they think they will enjoy. An annotated list of book suggestions and web resources for both Middle School and Upper School reading is posted on the Tandem Friends web site on the Library Reading Lists page.

Have a lovely, restorative summer and happy reading!

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Required Reading by Grade

Grade 5:

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr and Ronald Himler

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World One Child at a Time by Greg Mortenson (free copies of The Young Reader's Edition are available in the Tandem Library)

Plus **two books of your choice.**

Please keep a list of the books you read.

Grade 6:

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World One Child at a Time by Greg Mortenson (free copies of The Young Reader's Edition are available in the Tandem Library)

Rising sixth graders should select *any three books from the list below*. In addition, they should read *two other books* of their own choosing. Please keep a list of the books you read. Nancy has several copies of *Shark Beneath the Reef, A Chance Child, The Cay, and The Land I Lost* in her classroom. Students are welcome to them.

The Master Puppeteer by Katherine Paterson

Homesick: My Own Story by Jean Fritz

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Shark Beneath the Reef by Jean Craighead George

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Land I Lost by Huynh Quang Nhuong

Shadow Spinner by Susan Fletcher

A Chance Child by Jill Paton Walsh

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Barton De Trevino

Grade 7:

Blood on the River: Jamestown, 1607 by Elisa Carbone

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World One Child at a Time by Greg Mortenson (The Young Reader's Edition, free copies of which are available in the Tandem Library, or the original edition *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time*)

Plus **two books** of your choice

Grade 8:

The Once and Future King by T. H. White

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Plus **two books** of your choice

Grade 9:

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Plus *at least one* of the following:

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Welcome to the Monkey House by Kurt Vonnegut

When You are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris

Grade 10:

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini (alternative text: *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad)

Plus **one book** of your choice

Grade 11:

Neither Wolf Nor Dog by Kent Nerburn

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Grade 12 Senior Composition:

The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

Maus by Art Spiegelman

Blindness by Jose Saramago

Plus **two books** of your choice

Grade 12 AP English:

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Blindness by Jose Saramago

Plus **one book** of your choice