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To: HAAS Parents and Students
From: Ms. Litefti, Reading Specialist
CC: Ms. Fulton, Principal
Mr. Weisbrot, Dean
Date: June 4, 2010
Re: ***Mandatory Summer Reading***

Each year, new and returning HAAS students are required to read selected novels and complete specific grade level assignments. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. Over the summer, parents can assist their children in sustaining and bolstering their reading skills, strengthening their vocabulary, and reinforcing the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

Attached you will find the ***Required Summer Reading List*** for your child's *next grade level* for the upcoming school year, and below are the directions for completing the ***Required Assignments***. **(For example: if your child is in the 2nd Grade now, you will choose a book from the 3rd Grade Reading List.)**

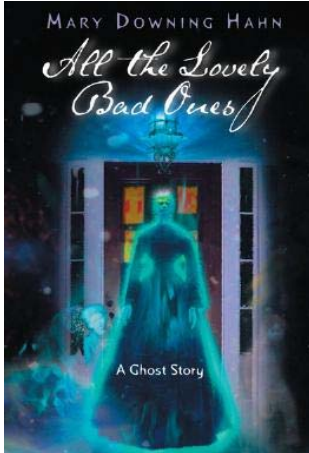
The ***Required Summer Reading List*** and the ***Required Assignments*** will also be posted on the HAAS website (www.hollywoodcharter.org) on the **School Information Page** for your convenience.

Directions for Required Summer Reading Assignments

Students will be required to read the 2 books listed for their upcoming grade level. The third book is optional and will earn extra credit. These books may be read independently, read together, or may be read aloud to your child.

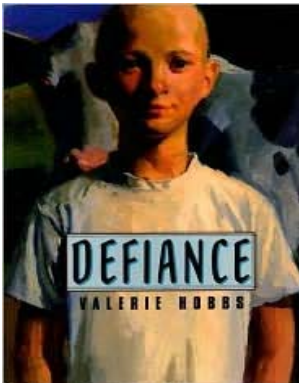
After reading the book, students must complete the Required Assignment in order to receive full credit. The completed work will be incorporated into the student's grade during the first weeks of school. ***Failure to complete these assignments will result in the student receiving zeros.***

Mandatory Summer Reading List 2010 - Entering 4th Grade



All the Lovely Bad Ones by Mary Downing Hahn

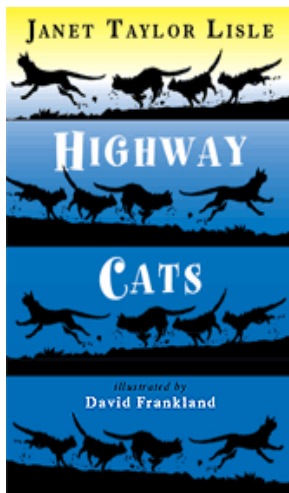
While spending the summer at their grandmother's Vermont Inn, two prankster siblings awaken young ghosts from the inn's distant past that refuse to "rest in peace."



Defiance by Valerie Hobbs

Eleven-year-old Toby Steiner wants to do normal things on his vacation. He wants to hike and race his bike down the hill. He wants to learn to fish out on the lake. He doesn't want to return to the children's hospital where his painful cancer treatment finally ended. When Toby starts spending time with Pearl, a spunky old woman who lives on a nearby farm, and Blossom, her broken-down cow.

Additional/Optional grade level book



Highway Cats by Janet Taylor Lisle

When three kittens are thrown off the back of a truck, none of the highway cats knows what to make of them. They seem to have an appeal—an energy, even—that Khalia Koo, Jolly Roger, and the rest of the mangy, feral cats don't understand. But there are bigger issues to figure out when the bulldozers start coming, threatening to demolish their homes.

http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=154325&title=Highway_Cats

Basic Information About the Book

Names of the Main Characters:

Where does the story take place? (Setting)

When does the story take place? Over the course of the Day? A month? A year? How do you know?



Character Study

Choose two characters to describe by answering the questions below. (Please use complete sentences.)

Name of Character _____

1. Physical Likeness. (What does the character look like?)

2. Personality. (What kind of a person is the character look like?)

Name of Character _____

3. Physical Likeness. (What does the character look like?)

4. Personality. (What kind of a person is the character look like?)

Vocabulary

As you read the story, find three words that you do not understand. Look them up and give the following information.

1. Word : _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

2. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

3. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

Your Opinion

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

Did you like the book? Why or why not?

What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

What was your least favorite part of the book? Why?

Would you recommend this book to someone else to read? Why or why not?
