

June 2, 2021

Dear Middle School Parent,

After considering data from the ACT English and Reading tests, as well as Dibels and Star tests, your student has been placed in a leveled English Language Arts course. We're so excited to offer these different ELA classes.

These courses are: Intermediate 5, Course 1, Course 2, Course 3, and English 9. For each class, there is summer bridge work. All of the classes will be reading a novel. For some courses, doing a project, writing an essay, or additional tasks will be required. All of this work is designed to not only keep brains engaged over the summer, but to adequately prepare your students for the year ahead.

All middle school students will be required to complete summer bridge work. Summer bridge work is due on the first day of school.

There are specific instructions for each course/level that are different from other classes. You will be notified of course placement by email. Course letters, more detailed instructions, downloadable packets, and URLs will be emailed to you and posted on the Saint Andrew website.

Please read the more detailed instructions in each course letter carefully. Below is a summary of the summer work for each course. The below list is simply a summary of the work for each course:

5th Intermediate:

Read "Number the Stars" and complete packet
Complete visual book report

Course 1:

Read "A Wrinkle in Time" and complete packet
Grammar check

Course 2:

Read "The Boys Who Challenged Hitler" and prepare test first week of school
Read nonfiction article here:
<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/sophie-scholl-and-white-rose>
Write comparison essay about nonfiction article and novel

Course 3:

Complete Quarter 1 ELA checkup packet
"The Diary of Anne Frank" book and play

Play URL:

<https://www.frontiercsd.org/cms/lib/NY19000265/Centricity/Domain/279/Diary%20of%20Anne%20Frank.pdf>

Write comparison essay about both

English 9:

Quarter 1 ELA checkup packet

“The Diary of Anne Frank” book and play

Play URL:

<https://www.frontiercsd.org/cms/lib/NY19000265/Centricity/Domain/279/Diary%20of%20Anne%20Frank.pdf>

Write comparison essay due first week of school

Read “To Kill a Mockingbird”

Prepare for a test over “To Kill a Mockingbird” during first week of school

Have a wonderful summer! I hope you enjoy the literature, and I'll see you all in August!

Best,

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