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Farmingdale High School Suggested Reading List for Students Entering Grades 9-11 2009-2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Summer is the best time for students to discover books with which they can make strong connections. Summer is not a time to stop reading; it is the time to keep reading. Reading over the summer has proven to promote academic performance. Throughout New York State, libraries are offering free summer reading programs such as books, friends, computers, CDs, poetry slams, music, and battle of the books.

In an effort to promote summer reading and to help students to continue practicing the skills they need to meet the new learning standards, the Farmingdale High School English Department has compiled a summer reading list for students at their respective grade levels.

Students should choose **TWO** works of literature; the list provides suggested titles students may want to consider. These books can be found in your local library or bookstore. **Since suggested reading may contain mature themes, parents/guardians are encouraged to seek reviews to determine if the works are appropriate for their teenager.** Book reviews can be obtained through the local library or by accessing an online bookstore. The titles and authors mentioned are suggestions, so please feel free to make substitutions. The attached list will also be available at www.farmingdaleschools.org.

Upon returning to school in September, students will be required to complete an essay incorporating the two chosen pieces of literature. Teachers will review the essay requirements in class prior to having students hand in the completed assignment to be graded.

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

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SUMMER READING LETTER HS 2007-2008

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