

Why Should You Do the Summer Reading Challenge?

Well, because...

- Students who read do better in school and on the SAT.
- Reading is the only way to improve your comprehension, vocabulary, fluency and decoding. You've got to do these things or your SAT score will disappoint you big time – not to mention keep you out of a college you would have loved to attend!
- The Summer Reading Challenge is about reading enjoyable books.
- Reading all that history and English will be easier and faster.
- You get to list the Summer Reading Challenge on your college resume.

To succeed in the challenge, you will need to read four books from a long list of options. Mrs. Bonnyman will help you pick books you will enjoy. After you finish a book, she will meet with you face to face or by Skype or phone for about an hour to painlessly discuss it. She will even discuss the required summer reading book as a bonus if you wish.

Every student can benefit from and enjoy the Summer Reading Challenge, so contact Mrs. Bonnyman today at jbonyman@darlingtonschool.org or 706-766-1384. There is a \$100 fee to participate in this program.

Bonnyman's Summer Reading List

- Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (Ann Brashares)
- There's a Porcupine in My Outhouse (Michael Tougias)
- ADHD & Me (Blake Taylor)
- All but My Life (Gerda Weissmann)
- Learning to Bow (Bruce Feiler)
- Alex and Me (Irene Pepperberg)
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Mark Hadden)
- The Chosen (Chaim Potock)
- Snow Flower and The Secret Fan (Lisa See)
- Outliers (Malcomb Gladwell) - *if you don't read this book as the school required reading*
- Blink (Malcomb Gladwell)
- What the Dog Saw (Malcomb Gladwell)
- One Year Off (David Elliot Cohen)
- A Walk in the Woods (Bill Bryson)
- The Thunderbolt Kid (Bill Bryson)
- An Hour Before Day Light (Jimmy Carter)
- Life on the Lazy B (Sandra Day O'Connor)
- The Help (Kathryn Stockett) – *if you don't read this as the school required reading*
- Traveling Mercies (Anne Lamott)
- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society (Ann Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer)
- Devil in the White City (Erik Larson)
- Strength in What Remains (Tracy Kidder)
- The Reluctant Fundamentalist (Moshin Hamid)
- Three Cups of Tea (Greg Mortenson)

Sports

- Don't Choke: A Champion's Guide to Winning under Pressure (Gary Player, Bob Rotella)
- How Successful People Think (John Maxwell)
- Life is Not A Game of Perfect (Cullen, Rotella)