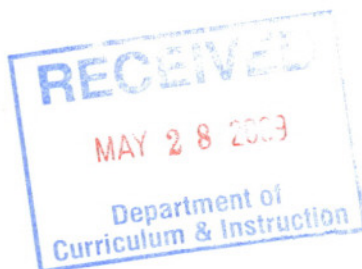




MEMORIAL HIGH 9TH GRADE CAMPUS

1023 Abe Lincoln Avenue

Port Arthur, TX 77640



April 28, 2009

Dear Parent:

The school year will soon be completed, and we can start looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year in the new Memorial High School building. This summer provides you with an opportunity to promote your child's success in school and in life by encouraging summer reading.

Reading is the most important skill a student learns in school. Exposure to good literature not only furthers that skill, but also helps develop an insight into life from reading about the experiences of characters in literature. We ask that you take advantage of the public library and local booksellers and encourage your child to read good books this summer. By continuing reading practice during the summer, your child will solidify gains made during the current school year and be better prepared for the next one.

All students at Memorial High School main campus and Memorial Ninth-grade campus will receive a list of suggested books for summer reading; but, in addition, any book on the TAYSHAS lists will be appropriate. These can be found at the following address:

www.txla.org/groups/vart/tavshaslists.html

Many of these books are available at the Port Arthur Public Library and from local booksellers.

By reading this summer, our students will get a jump start on the new school year, improve their reading skills through practice, and very likely enjoy the quality time they spend with good literature. Let's make this a summer of reading.

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Polk
Principal

READING LIST FOR MEMORIAL NINTH-GRADE CAMPUS

Watership down by Richard Adams
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
House of Spirits by Isabel Allende
Portrait in Sepia by Isabel Allende
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anayo
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Blind Descent by Nevada Barr
String in the Harp by Nancy Bond
Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Years of Wonder by Gwendolyn Brooks
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories by Sandra Cisneros
Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper
Crackback by John Coy
Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
Last Shot by Darcy Frey
Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
Song of the Buffalo Boy by Sherry Garland
Dune by Frank Herbert
Rumble Fish by S. E. Hinton
Tex by S. E. Hinton
That Was Then, This Is Now S. E. Hinton
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
La Linia by Ann Jaramillo
Into thin Air by Jack Krakauer
Witch, the Lion, and the Wardrobe, The by C. S. Lewis
Call of the Wild, The Jack London
Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk
Beloved by Toni Morrison
Chosen, The Chaim Potok
Lightning Thief, The by Rick Riordan
Always Running by Luis Rodriguez
Harry Potter and the sorcerer's Stone by J. R. Rowling
Holes by Louis Sachar
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Pearl, The John Steinbeck
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck
Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Mildred Taylor
Lord of the Rings, The by J. R. R. Tolkien
Time Machine, The by H. G. Wells
Night by Elie Wiesel
Shadow of the Bull by Maia Wojciechowska