

Dear Student:

As an Honors student, you are committed to achieving excellence in academics therefore you require demanding literature, and a desire to analyze and interpret literary genres and themes.

The English Department, in an effort to continually challenge you, has implemented an Honors English Summer Reading Program. In order to provide you with reading that meets the criteria of both good quality literature and appealing reading, the department has selected engaging books which will help increase your fluency and reading level.

You are obligated to read three novels over the summer. On the second day of the new school year you will be tested on these three novels. The assessment will incorporate the interpretation, analysis, and application of literary elements which will include the components of plot, characterization, point of view, conflict, foreshadowing, irony, tone/mood, symbolism, theme, and figurative language.

During the last week of the 2009-2010 school year, you will be notified which teacher you must see in order to obtain the novels to complete this summer reading. As per school policy, students are responsible for replacement costs for any lost or damaged books.

Information regarding the Honors Summer Reading Program can be accessed by visiting the N.S. website and clicking on the *Summer Reading Requirements* tab located under *Parent* or *Student Resources*.

"Books are the carriers of civilization...They are companions, teachers, magicians, bankers of the treasures of the mind. Books are humanity in print."

-Barbara W. Tuchman (an American self-trained historian, author, and Pulitzer Prize winner)

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

-from *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!* by Dr. Seuss

Enjoy your summer by getting lost in a book!

Sincerely,

The North Schuylkill Junior/Senior
High School English Department