

Grade 8 Summer Reading:

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

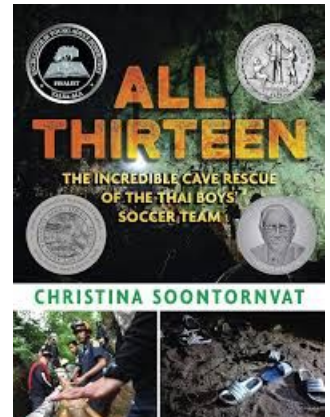
This summer we are asking students to read daily to help maintain skills they have acquired during the school year. As you read and engage with different texts, you'll practice recalling and connecting with information, setting you up for success in the classroom. Remember: A membership to your local library is free and a great way to explore many titles this summer!

Rising eighth graders are responsible for reading one required novel and a novel of their choice. We were extremely fortunate to be able to send your child home with a copy of their required reading this summer. Please note, this novel is mandatory and students will be assessed on their summer reading upon returning to school for their first grade of the year. These assessments will involve written responses to direct novel based questions. All three campuses at the Academy will read this book and engage in lively class discussions in addition to the assessment in September. Please remember to bring your book with you on the first day of school for class discussions!

- **Required Novel:** *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat

“On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon’s adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped! Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe. As the world sits vigil, people begin to wonder: how long can a group of ordinary kids survive in complete darkness, with no food or clean water?

Luckily, the Wild Boars are a very extraordinary “ordinary” group. Combining first hand interviews of rescue workers with in-depth science and details of the region’s culture and religion, author Christina Soontornvat—who was visiting family in Northern Thailand when the Wild Boars went missing—masterfully shows how both the complex engineering operation above ground and the mental struggles of the thirteen young people below proved critical in the life-or-death mission. Meticulously researched and generously illustrated with photographs, this page-turner includes an author’s note describing her experience meeting the team, detailed source notes, and a bibliography to fully immerse readers in the most ambitious cave rescue in history.”



Please reach out to your child’s campus if you have any questions. Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,
The Middle School ELA Team

