Summertime is for Reading!
A Message From Ms. Seufert
Welcome to ELA 9!

You did it! You finished your time at Van Wyck and you are on your way to high school at John Jay! In September, when you enter our classrooms, you will find many opportunities to read books of your own choosing. Yes, that’s right, in addition to the texts we read together, you also get to choose to read books that reflect your own interests. If you’re not much of a reader, that’s okay—you have summertime to get started!

This summer we would love to have all of you choose to read at least one book, so that when we meet you in September, everyone can participate in celebrating summer reading.
How to Form a Reading Habit

*Find books you LOVE: Check out suggested Young Adult book lists online, such as Good Reads or even Pinterest. You may want to even look at Amazon’s top selling titles for Young Adults.

*Go to the library: The East Fishkill Library has a fantastic section for teens/young adults. The librarians are super helpful and can easily help you search for books, especially if you can suggest a book you have already read and liked--they can find you one that is similar!

*Set aside reading time: You must make time to read. A great first step, if you’re not a reader, is commit yourself to 10 minutes a day. Don’t give up if you miss a day; just come back to it the next day.

*Find a quiet place to read: If your house is too noisy, find a place outdoors to read--summer is perfect for outdoor reading! Find your reading nook and make a date to read there every day.

*Don’t give up on a book: Sometimes, you have to give a book a little time before you quit. Make sure you’ve truly made an effort.

*Be willing to give up on a book: If you’ve truly given a book a try and it just isn’t enjoyable, it’s okay to put it down. Just make sure you choose another book!
Summer Reading Suggestions

On the Wappingers Summer Reading homepage, you will find a message from our ELA director and some suggestions for summer reading titles.

On the following slides we have provided some summer reading texts we think you’ll love. These are books that have been read (and LOVED) by our current 9th graders. We have also read them and promise they are truly awesome books!

This slideshow is on the Wappingers Summer Reading homepage, so we have provided links to these books on Amazon. This will allow you to check out reviews, see the cover, and even get a sneak-peak at pages from the book.

Happy Summer and Happy Reading!
Life As We Knew It, by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Check it out on Amazon!
I Will Always Write Back, by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

Check it out on Amazon!
Fangirl, by Rainbow Rowell

Check it out on Amazon!
Winger, by Alexander Smith

Check it out on Amazon!
The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas

Check it out on Amazon!
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda, by Becky Albertalli

Check it out on Amazon!
Red Queen, by Victoria Aveyard

Check it out on Amazon!
Dread Nation, by Justina Ireland

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