Dear Parents:

As another school year comes to a close, our thoughts become centered on summer vacations, unwinding and spending more time enjoying family activities. The summer months also offer a great opportunity for children to engage in reading wonderful books that will enrich their academic experiences. While we recognize the importance of a relaxing vacation for students, we must also stress the significance of engaging them in the joys of reading.

In order to assist the students in choosing meaningful literature, the teachers have developed a list of recommended books. Students entering grades 9-12 should read one book recommended for his/her grade level. The book will be used as the basis of an English assignment in the new school year.

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible and can select additional books that are not listed for their enjoyment. Extra copies of the reading list are available from the building principal and can also be found on our Web site at portnet.org.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Mooney, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
The English Department invites students to select a book from the list provided. We believe that summer provides a wonderful opportunity to bridge the knowledge and skills that you learned this year with the language arts content that you will encounter next year.

### Incoming Grade 9

**Classics:**
- Kidnapped - Robert Louis Stevenson
- Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea - Jules Verne

**Contemporary Favorites:**
- I Lived on Butterfly Hill - Marjorie Agosin
- The Art of Racing in the Rain - Garth Stein

### Incoming Grade 10

**Classics:**
- Scythe - Neal Shusterman
- Cat’s Cradle - Kurt Vonnegut

**Contemporary Favorites:**
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky
- Everything I Never Told You - Celeste Ng

### Incoming Grade 11

**Classics:**
- The House of Spirits - Isabel Allende
- The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson

**Contemporary Favorites:**
- The Boston Girl - Anita Diamant
- The Lost City of Z - David Grann

### Incoming Grade 12

**Classics:**
- One Hundred Years of Solitude - Gabriel García Márquez
- Watchmen - Alan Moore

**Contemporary Favorites:**
- Born A Crime - Trevor Noah
- Small Great Things - Jodi Picoult

**AP Literature and Composition**
- The Handmaid’s Tale - Margaret Atwood
- Beowulf: A New Verse Translation - Seamus Heaney