

## SUMMER READING COUNTS

*"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them." Mark Twain*

### Dear High School Student,

Reading, like no other leisure activity, sustains the powers of the imagination, allowing us to explore worlds we might not otherwise visit and to hear voices we might not otherwise hear. It enhances our understanding of ourselves and of the world in which we live. When shared with others, good books can bring us together despite our differences. Reading skills, like everything else, cannot be improved without practice. With this philosophy in mind, we offer you the summer reading program.

In order to make the summer reading more enjoyable for you, we have opened the entire High School Reading Counts list to you. Each book has an assigned point value based on length and reading difficulty. **For summer reading, we are expecting all high school students\* to read and pass the test for at least 20 points worth of books.** Any points earned over 20 will be extra credit (5points=1 extra credit point). So, in other words, **you can read any of the books that are on the Reading Counts list**. For example, if you read Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* worth 28 points, you would automatically have 8 extra points which convert to 1  $\frac{3}{5}$  extra credit points at the beginning of the school year just because you read over the summer! Wow! What a great way to start the school year. On the other hand, failure to read the books will result in a poor start of the school year and ultimately an unsatisfactory report at first midterm.

**You may take the test at the following locations at the following times.**

<b>June 1st</b>	<b>High School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>June 3rd</b>	<b>High School Media Center</b>	<b>12-2</b>
<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Middle School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>June 10th</b>	<b>High School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>July 21st</b>	<b>High School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>High School Media Center</b>	<b>3:15-5:15</b>
<b>Aug. 10th</b>	<b>High School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>Aug. 17th</b>	<b>High School Media Center Freshman Orientation</b>	<b>11-1</b>
<b>August 18th</b>	<b>Middle School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>August 19th</b>	<b>Middle School Media Center Open Building at Middle School</b>	<b>5-7</b>
<b>August 20th</b>	<b>Middle School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>
<b>August 23rd</b>	<b>Middle School Media Center</b>	<b>10-12</b>

**Please try to take quizzes during the above scheduled times. If you can't make it, you might check in the high school office to see if Mr. Hobbs can assist you. There is no guarantee though!**

Make sure you have your Reading Counts password before you come – Teachers will not have access to your password! Also, make sure you have not already taken a test on the book and that the book is a Reading Counts book before you come – Teachers will not be able to make any exceptions if the computer says you have already tested on a book. Also please return your books when you take the test!

All summer Reading Counts points will need to be earned from June 1, 2010 until the end of the first week of school – **Friday, August 27th.** (There will be no exceptions!) Remember - you get two chances to pass the test with a score of 8/11 for credit. After that, you will need to do an alternate assessment. These can be found at [http://legacy.fortrecoveryschools.org/HS/summer\\_rc.htm](http://legacy.fortrecoveryschools.org/HS/summer_rc.htm) . The type of assessment is determined by your assigned English teacher for the 2010-11 school year.

Hopefully this will give you the chance to enjoy some good reading as well as earn a great start on the school year! Have a great summer!

Mrs. Schade-Hein, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Hubbard, and Mrs. Pottkotter

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#### **How to find what books are on Reading Counts:**

Go to Scholastic's website: <http://src.scholastic.com/ecatalog/default.asp> Make sure your title is grade/age appropriate.

#### **To find what titles the media center has, follow the instructions below:**

1. Go to the school's website (<http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org>)
2. Go to the media center's home page. This can be found under the parent link.
3. Access the high school online card catalog.
4. Go to CAT
5. Type in (Reading Counts High) in the "search for" box – use the parentheses.
6. Click on the "All Fields" tab.
7. You should get almost 1700 titles

OR

1. Search for your title or author.
2. On the individual book record, scroll down to "Reading Prog." If it says "Test at – FRHS", we have the Reading Counts test! If it doesn't, choose a different book.

\*\*\*\* **Those students who are taking AP Lit next year** are asked to read books from AP Reading Counts List. AP students are required to earn 25 points. Any points over 25 will be considered extra credit. The AP list can also be found on a link from the media center's web page at

<http://legacy.fortrecoveryschools.org/parent/media/aplist.pdf> or you can key in "AP Reading List" in the high school online card catalog which can be found at <http://unicorn.noacsc.org/opac/FR/FRHS/> .

The High school media center also has a folder listing these titles.