

Grade 7
Summer Reading 2008
Required Reading List

***Along with the required reading each student is expected to read two selections from the recommended reading list.**

Language Arts:

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers, and find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August.

AND

On the Beach by Nevil Shute

A novel about the survivors of an atomic war, who face an inevitable end as radiation poisoning moves toward Australia from the north.

Assignment:

You will do a piece of writing at the beginning of the year on one of these selections and an on-line discussion on the other.