

Hello Parents and Students,

And welcome back!!! The school year is just around the corner and we are so excited for all of the new changes that are occurring for our middle school students at St. Anthony. One new change is that of additional teachers for our students. We will be adding two new teachers to the middle school. This year, the Middle School team will be: *Gail Williams—Math, Veronica O’neal—Science, Meagan Frazier—Reading/Language Arts, Jade Singleton—Social Studies/TAG, Jorge Sanchez—Spanish, and Reginald Randle—P.E./Athletics.*

This year in Reading/Language Arts, the students will continue to read novels as a way to increase their knowledge of literature and enhance their critical analysis skills. Each child was asked to read an assigned novel this summer and complete a reading journal (6th—*Maniac McGee*, 7th—*Hatchet*, 8th—*Ender’s Game*) as part of their summer packet. Entering the school year, each grade will begin with a novel for the first six weeks. Parents will be responsible for ensuring their child has an individual copy of this text as part of their school supplies. Please see the chart below for your child’s assigned text(s).

Grade	1 st 6 Weeks Novel	Projected Cost (Brand New)
6 th	<i>The Giver, Lois Lowry</i>	\$6.99
7 th	<i>Shabanu, Suzanne Fisher Staples</i>	\$6.99
8 th	<i>Romeo and Juliet(Shakespeare Made Easy), William Shakespeare—Published by Barron's Educational Series)—It is VERY important that students get this version because it makes the text easier to understand and internalize for students.</i>	\$6.99

***All of these books can be purchased through Barnes and Noble, Borders, Amazon, and Half Price Books (select stores—call ahead), or for loan through the Dallas Public Library.**

Following the 1st 6 weeks, the school will be providing a discounted book program where parents may choose to purchase the remaining texts for this school year through the school. We will discuss this option more during Meet the Teacher Night (August 27th). As our goals are so high this year we would like to get started on our novels right away. Therefore, **parents will be responsible for ensuring their child their novel for the 1st 6 weeks before Wednesday, August, 26th!** (Please review the above chart for your child’s assigned novel as some changes have been made since the booklists were sent out in the Spring.

If you have any questions or concerns about the novels, please contact Ms. Frazier at mfrazier@stanthonydallas.org or 214-421-3645 ext. 316.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we are all looking forward to another great year!

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