

2017 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT

9th GRADE COLLEGE BOUND ENGLISH

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

As you read over the summer you are to complete the attached character description chart labeled English 9 CB. **This assignment is due on the second day of class and will count as a project assignment for the first quarter..**

Any questions should be addressed prior to the start of the school year by contacting either Mrs. Rife or Mrs. Murnaghan via their faculty school email address.

During the opening week of the school year the class will read a supporting article. You will be asked to reference this reading in conjunction with your summer reading book.

It is your responsibility to obtain a copy of the summer reading book *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt.

Novel Review:

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*You are not required to purchase a separate composition book/journal book to complete this assignment.

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As you read *The Wednesday Wars*, take notes about each character using the chart below. Write a brief description about each character and why he or she is important to the story. Using specific details and page numbers will help you later.

Character	Description
Holling Hoodhood	
Mr. Hoodhood	
Heather Hoodhood	
Mrs. Baker	
Mrs. Sidman	
Doug Swieteck	
Meryl Lee Kowalski	
Danny Hupfer	
Mai Thi	
Mrs. Bigio	