

***Summer reading: 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts, 2018-19***

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> grade Carden students and parents:

Here is the summer reading assignment for the literature section of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA class. I will also be visiting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade history class, most likely on Thursday, May 27, immediately following ERB's for that day. At that time I will issue the students their copies of both *Bury My Heart* and *Little Big Man*, along with a reminder of the reading assignment. If for some reason your student is not present on that day, the two books and a copy of this letter can be picked up in the front office of the school.

1-- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* (Dee Brown).

**Read:** chapter 1 (pp. 1-12); chapters 6-7 (pp. 121-174);  
chapter 12 (pp. 273-313); chapter 14 (pp. 331-349).

2-- *Little Big Man* (Thomas Berger).

**Read:** Foreword (pp. xv-xxviii) and chapters 1-3 (pp. 1-43).

Enjoy your summer, but be sure to do all of this reading, preferably in August so you'll remember it. There will be a test on this material when you get back to school.

Good luck and see you in the fall. – Mr. Gronseth

P.S.: **Parents:** The students should treat these books like textbooks and not deface them. Students, however, can use Post-Its to indicate lines or passages, or they can purchase their own copy of the book(s) should they wish to highlight with a marker, underline, or write marginalia.

Audio versions of these two books are allowed as well. I would, however, for maximum reading comprehension, suggest the student read along silently as he/she listens to the text.

Should you purchase any of the five core books we'll be reading, please get the indicated editions, e.g., the Oxford World Classics edition of *My Antonia* and so forth.

- 1-- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, by Dee Brown, Picador
- 2-- *Little Big Man* by Thomas Berger, Dial Press.
- 3-- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather, Oxford World Classics.
- 4-- *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry, Vintage.
- 5-- *Death of a Salesman*, by Arthur Miller, Penguin Classics.