

## Expectations for School-wide Reading Groups

Dock Mennonite Academy

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*School-wide reading groups are an opportunity to engage with high-interest books over the summer and connect with peers through discussion in the fall. Expectations for participants are outlined below.*

Here's what you will need to do:

- Purchase a copy of your book or borrow from a local library. I recommend purchasing so you can bring it with you to your group discussion, but it's not required.
- Enjoy reading your book this summer!
- Find a way to record thoughts/opinions/observations. It's easy to forget what you've read by the time the fall rolls around. In order to have an interesting and enjoyable conversation with your group, it will be helpful if you can bring some ideas to the table. There's no specific format required for this—see suggestions below.
- Meet with your group and participate in conversation during the first few days of school. (Exact time/location will be announced later.)

Ways you could record your thoughts during/after reading:

- Write journal entries as you read.
- Write a list of major take-aways/opinions after you finish.
- Put stars in the margin next to your favorite passages as you read (only if it's your own copy).
- Use sticky notes to mark noteworthy passages and/or to record your opinions as you read. (If reading a library copy, you can take out the notes when you return the book and save them for discussion.)
- Make voice recordings with thoughts and opinions as you read and/or at the end of the book.

E-mail Miss Kolb ([jmkolb@dock.org](mailto:jmkolb@dock.org)) with any questions.

Book choices:

- *The Black Friend* by Frederick Joseph (nonfiction)
- *Since You've Been Gone* by Morgan Matson (fiction)
- *The Three Body Problem* by Liu Cixin (Science fiction)
- *Escape from Camp 14* by Blaine Harden (nonfiction)
- *Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know* by Samira Ahmed (fiction)
- *Hoops* by Walter Dean Myers (sports fiction)
- *Code Talkers* by Joseph Bruchac (historical fiction)
- *Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys (historical fiction)
- *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano (fiction)
- *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan (fiction)
- *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo (fiction)
- *The Orphan Keeper* by Camron Wright (fiction based on a true story)