

HCS 9th Grade Summer Reading Project

Dear Parents:

Students entering 9th grade at Houma Christian School are required to read The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. Research shows that the frequency of reading plays a significant role in reading level retention. Therefore, we encourage students to read throughout the summer.

Summer reading is worth two 50-point grades. These are the first grades of the school year, and all work is due on the second day class is held. Read as much as you can this summer – keep your brain working. Enjoy your summer, and don't wait until the last minute! See you in August!

How to Begin:

Obtain a copy of the required book.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom (978-1-4013-0858-2)

Eddie is a grizzled war veteran who feels trapped in a meaningless life of fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. His days are a dull routine of work, loneliness, and regret. Then, on his 83rd birthday, Eddie dies in a tragic accident, trying to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakens in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a lush Garden of Eden, but a place where your earthly life is explained to you by five people.

Assignment:

- All 9th grade students will read The Five People You Meet in Heaven. Reading and understanding the book is the only assignment that will be completed by students during the summer break.
- During the first 90-minute class period (the second class day), students will take a comprehension test on the book. This test will be worth a 50-point grade for the 1st quarter.
- In addition to the test score, students will be required to complete a writing assignment based on the summer reading book. This writing assignment will be completed during the first two weeks of school. Additional information will be given when the school year begins.