

RATIONALE FOR SUHSD SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Adolescents entering the adult world will do more reading and writing tasks than any other time in human history. They will need reading and writing to cope with the flood of information they will find in the world as it exists. They will also need to use literacy to feed their imaginations so that they can create the world of the future. In a complex and diverse world, their ability to read is crucial, and therefore, it is essential not only to help them survive, but also to help them thrive.” – *Excerpted from the International Reading Association (IRA) Position Statement on Adolescent Literacy, 1999.*

SUHSD teachers recognize that students need practice to become proficient readers and to develop the critical thinking skills necessary not only to interpret what they read, but also to write about it. With our summer reading program, we provide students the opportunity to become life-long readers who use reading to open worlds of wonder and delight as well as to enhance academic knowledge.