

REQUIRED SUMMER READING 2008

HUMANITIES

All Students:

- **The Iliad** by Homer. Students may read any version that retains the original structure and includes the major story points. The aim is for all students to begin the year already familiar with the epic's characters, plot and basic structure. This will allow Humanities groups to begin the study of ancient civilizations with some shared vocabulary of literary and cultural reference points.
- **Greek Mythology**. Any collection is fine. D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths is an excellent starting point for either introduction or review of the mythological material.

Students who wish to be considered for Honors Humanities or Humanities II must also read:

- **War and Peace** by Leo Tolstoy

MATH

All New Students:

- **Algebra Unplugged** by Kenn Amdahl and Jim Loats. Students are required to read this in preparation for their upcoming Critical Review assignment and their ongoing work in mathematics. All returning RenArts students read and wrote about this book last year.

Returning Students and New Students Entering 8th Grade and Above:

- **Euclid's Window** by Leonard Mlodinow. Students are required to read this in preparation for their upcoming Critical Review assignment and their continued work with geometric concepts in mathematics.

All of the books listed are readily available in the public library, at local bookstores and at online book-sellers.