

Hello 10th Grade Student,

As your teacher, I welcome you to St. Joseph Catholic Academy's fine tradition of excellence.

This year, you will encounter a number of adventurous learning experiences; you will have the opportunity to enrich your vocabulary, improve writing and grammar skills, and explore various works and genres of literature from all over.

To prepare for our year together, your first requirement is to begin your summer assignments. **All reading is to be completed during the summer. All assignments are expected to be complete and ready to turn in on the 1st day of class.**

Summer Reading:

We Have Always Lived in a Castle by Shirley Jackson

- The book talk document will be collected on the first day of school for a grade. Presentations will begin on the second full day of school. This summer work makes up 20% of your quarter 1 grade (per the SJCA handbook).

Answer the questions completely, citing your work/evidence. Be sure to answer the questions thoroughly, explaining with specific cited examples that connect to the question. It is YOUR job through these answers to prove that you have completed the reading and understand the meaning of the text.

- You MUST read the FULL story.
- You may need to look up words to understand the text.
- Upon returning to school, you will be responsible for book talk assignment, class. **BE SURE YOU HAVE READ THE ENTIRE NOVEL AND ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EACH AND EVERY CHAPTER!**

If you have any questions or concerns over the summer, please feel free to email me at tbetker@sjcawi.org.

Sincerely,

SJCA English Department