

**La Salle Prep**  
**Summer Reading 2018**  
**Incoming 9th Grade**

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.

~ Harper Lee

This summer we are asking all incoming 9th grade students to select a summer reading book that will connect with our 2018-2019 school theme on **empathy**. Throughout next year, we will be considering, as a community, the following questions:

- What is empathy and why does it matter?
- How might empathy allow us to understand others?

**CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE:**

- [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#), Sherman Alexie
- [Piecing Me Together](#), Renee Watson
- [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime](#), Mark Haddon
- [Funny in Farsi](#), Firoozeh Dumas
- [Good Enough](#), Paula Yoo

**As you read:**

- Have available a small stack of post-it notes
- Identify the places in the text when
  - changes occur to the main character
  - people, experiences, events, or places impact the main character
- Identify 2-3 passages (1-2 pages each) that highlight a significant point in the character's life when their character is developed, challenged, or formed.

**\*\*\*Be prepared to spend some time in class in September writing about these specific passages.\*\*\***