

# 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

Students will be reading

*William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet* this summer.

- If your child is enrolled for next year, he or she will have a copy of the book.
  - The book is numbered and is expected to be returned to Mr. Higgins on the 1<sup>st</sup> full day of class.
  - The assignments are listed on the back. **Students must complete #2 or number #3**
  - **All assignments must be turned in on the 1<sup>st</sup> full day of literature class.**
2. Draw a time line of the events in the story. Include a brief statement about how the amount of time that passes in *Romeo and Juliet* is significant to the story.
  3. *Essays:* Choose one of the suggested topics below. Write a one- to two-page essay on that subject answering the given questions.
    - a. What is true love? Did Romeo and Juliet truly love one another? Explain your answer. How do you know if you truly love someone?
    - b. The nurse and Friar Laurence were Romeo and Juliet's advisors and confidants. What advice did they give the young lovers? Which of their advice was good advice? Which was bad advice? Explain your answers.
    - c. Should children always obey their parents? Why or why not? Should a child ever refuse to obey his or her parents? If so, under what circumstances?