

## FRESHMEN

### JCA SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Welcome to the JCA summer reading program. Find your class and follow the directions.

**English IC-** Read **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan

- Be prepared for discussion and a test on the novel within the first week of school.

**English IU-** Read **The Dead and the Gone** by Susan Beth Pfeffer

- Be prepared for discussion and a test on the novel within the first few days of school.

**English IA-** Read **The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd and answer the following questions. A test will also be given during the first week of school.

- In **pen**, answer the following questions about this book in several complete sentences each.
  - 1. How does learning that T-Ray used to be different and that he truly loved Deborah shed light on why he treats Lily so cruelly and abusively?
  - 2. What qualities does Lily possess that help her to survive, endure, and eventually thrive despite T-Ray?
  - 3. Who is the queen bee in the story? Explain.
  - 4. What compels Rosaleen to spit on the three men's shoes? What qualities does she possess that help her stand up to injustice?
  - 5. How would the story have been different if the picture on the jar had been a white Madonna instead of a black Madonna?
  - 6. What was May's wailing wall and what did she do there? List some other rituals people have to do with grief and suffering.
  - 7. How does being in the company of the circle of females transform Lily?