

Summer Reading

Rising Eleventh Grade



Every CP and Honors student is required to read ONE book from the list. Parental guidance and consent should facilitate each choice. A quiz will be given on summer reading at the end of the first week of school.

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

The author tells of his meetings with a former professor suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and of the lessons he learned about life and death from his college mentor.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.

The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream by Samson Davis

Presents the true story of three African-American kids from the inner city of Newark, New Jersey, who make a pact to support each other as they rise from an environment of poverty, crime, and drugs, and go on to become successful doctors.

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Wells

The author recalls her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father and distant mother and describes how she and her siblings had to fend for themselves until they finally found the resources and will to leave home.

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

Fourteen-year-old Susie Salmon, the victim of a sexual assault and murder, looks on from the afterlife as her family deals with their grief, and waits for her killer to be brought to justice.

Fault line by Janet Tashjian

Seventeen-year-old Becky Martin, an aspiring comic, must find the courage to get the help she needs when her boyfriend Kip, a rising star in the San Francisco comedy club scene, becomes emotionally and physically abusive.

The First Part Last by Angela Johnson

A story about stepping up. Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and takes on the responsibility of caring for his baby daughter.

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

An American ambulance officer serving on the Austro-Italian front deserts to join an English nurse after the retreat of Caporetto.

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer

Isabella, just moved from sunny, warm Phoenix to dismal Forks, Washington, meets the mysterious, aloof Edward Cullen. Drawn by his irresistible good looks and animal magnetism, Bella finds herself falling in love with Edward and determines to unveil the true person behind the impenetrable facade. For older teens, this is a predictable love story laced with adventure and vampirism.

The Boy from the Basement by Susan Shaw

Charlie, a twelve-year-old boy who has been confined to his basement by his abusive, psychotic father, is accidentally locked out after sneaking outside one night, and ends up in the hospital where he gets the attention he needs and a new start in life.

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.