

Freshman Summer Reading List 2011

Each student entering **Grade 9 CP** will choose any **two (2) books** from the following list; for each student entering **Grade 9 Honors** choose any **three (3) books**.

For each book chosen, **handwrite** a reading log using three-hole punched loose leaf paper. Set-up the reading log with your name, date, title of book (underlined), author, and total pages in the book.

Reading logs must be handwritten or hand printed; **no typed Reading Logs will be accepted**. Complete a reading log entry for every ten (10) pages of the book. Label each entry with the date and page numbers you have read. Write three (3) to four (4) sentences summarizing the pages read.

Grading is based on completeness, neatness, formatting, and following directions!

Students must read the book by the author listed or suffer low/failing grades; tests are on actual unabridged book by author listed.

13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson*

When seventeen year old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

Afterlife by Gary Soto*

A senior at East Fresno High School lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a club where he had gone to dance.

Angel Experiment by James Patterson*

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers*

Author Walter Dean Myers describes his childhood in Harlem in the 1940's and 1950's, discussing his loving stepmother, his problems in school, his reasons for leaving home, and his beginnings as a writer.

Beach House by R.L. Stine*

A killer is stalking the kids at the beach one by one. A killer who never leaves a clue and who disappears as completely as a footprint in the sand.

Behind You by Jacqueline Woodson*

After fifteen year old Jeremiah is mistakenly shot by police, the people who love him struggle to cope with their loss as they recall his life and death, unaware that 'Miah' is watching over them.

Driver's Ed by Caroline Clooney.*

Three teenagers' lives are changed forever when they thoughtlessly steal a stop sign from a dangerous intersection and a young mother is killed in an automobile accident there.

Enders' 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.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams*

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou*

The author tells of her painful childhood and adolescence, and how she grew out of a childhood fantasy that she was an enchanted white girl to self-acceptance today.

Iceman by Chris Lynch*

Fourteen year old Eric, a ruthless hockey player prone to violence on the ice, tries to reconcile his own needs with those of his parents.

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer*

Through journal entries, sixteen year old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan*

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve year old Percy is sent to summer camp for demigods like himself. He joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult*

Thirteen year old Anna, conceived specifically to provide blood and bone marrow for her sister Kate who was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia at the age of two, decides to sue her parents for control of her body when her mother wants her to donate a kidney to Kate.

Night Hoops by Carl Deuker*

While trying to prove that he is good enough to play on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

Runner, The by Cynthia Voight *

As a dedicated runner, a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching one of his teammates on the track team gradually helps him see the value of giving and receiving.

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd*

Fourteen year old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers, and find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three beekeeping sisters, Mary, June, and August.

Shift by Jennifer Bradbury *

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross-country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar*

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson*

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper*

The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld*

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.