

Dear 10th, 11th, and Pre-College 12th Grade Students,

As summer approaches, we hope you find time to rest, recharge, and reflect. While there is no **required** summer reading assignment this year, we strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to read a book—or several—that interests you. Independent reading is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen your mind, expand your thinking, and prepare for the school year ahead.

Reading on your own **helps build vocabulary, improve writing skills, and develop critical thinking—skills essential to success in high school and beyond.** In addition, reading allows you to explore new perspectives, experience different cultures, and better understand yourself and the world around you. Whether you choose fiction, nonfiction, a classic, or something contemporary, the act of reading can be both personally meaningful and academically enriching.

**We encourage you to either choose a book (or books) from the following recommended list OR one or two that you have in mind** that spark your curiosity or passion. Starting the year with a fresh story in mind—something that inspired, challenged, or entertained you—is a great way to begin strong.

Enjoy your summer, and happy reading!

Warm regards,  
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<i>A Long Way Gone</i>	Ishmael Beah	Memoir
<i>The Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coelho	Fiction
<i>The Bean Trees</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Fiction
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak	Fiction
<i>Educated</i>	Tara Westover	Memoir
<i>The Boys in the Boat</i>	Daniel James Brown	Biography
<i>The Chosen</i>	Chaim Potok	Fiction
<i>The Color of Water</i>	James McBride	Memoir
<i>Divergent</i>	Veronica Roth	Fiction

<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury	Fiction
<i>The Glass Castle</i>	Jeannette Walls	Memoir
<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Jamie Ford	Fiction
<i>I Am Malala</i>	Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb	Autobiography
<i>The Namesake</i>	Jhumpa Lahiri	Fiction
<i>The Other Wes Moore</i>	Wes Moore	Memoir