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We are thrilled to announce our Robert Frost Middle School and Deer Park High School Summer Reading Program. Summer is a time to have fun and relax. It is also an opportunity to enjoy some of the wonderful books that can take us to new worlds, historical settings or on an adventure of a lifetime. All 6th through 12th grade students are required to read at least one book from the suggested grade level reading lists below or a book recommended by your local librarian.

All of the books have been reviewed by our teachers and are deemed to be appropriate. That said, some may be better suited for more mature students. We would highly recommend that you review the choices carefully to help your child select a book that is engaging and appropriate for his or her reading level and maturity. If your child is having difficulty selecting a book, please have him or her ask a teacher or local librarian for help. Students are encouraged to read more than one book.

We have included a list of questions that we strongly encourage your child to consider as he or she reads this summer. There is no mandatory writing assignment due during the summer. We hope that this will give your child the necessary time to read closely and become immersed in the story. That said, students are responsible for reading and **will be required to complete a major project in September** based on his or her summer reading selection.

Students in Deer Park High School Honors English or AP English courses should refer to the reading and writing assignments listed in the course handouts.

If you are unsure where your child or children are placed for next year's English course, please feel free to contact me at (631)-274-4153 or through email at bloom.j@deerparkschools.org. All of the summer reading lists are attached and will be posted on the school website at www.deerparkschools.org/our_schools/the_english_language_arts_elc.

Happy reading!

Dr. Jared Bloom

District Administrator

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Robert Frost Middle School and Deer Park High School

Suggested Summer Reading Lists

2010/2011

5th into 6th Grade

Brooklyn Bridge by Karen Hesse

Dragon Keeper by Robin Hobb

Holes by Louis Sachar

Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

When you Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

6th into 7th Grade

Adam Canfield of the Slash by Michael Winerip

Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food by Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson

Every Soul A Star by Wendy Mass

Flight of the Hawk by G. R. Grove

Marley: A Dog like No Other by John Grogan

Something Upstairs by Avi

The Book Without Words by Avi

The Island by Gary Paulsen

The Rifle by Gary Paulsen

7th into 8th Grade

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin and Alison McGhee

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

The Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

8th into 9th Grade

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Bullyville by Francine Prose

Monster by Walter Dean Meyers

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

The Host by Stephanie Meyers

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson

You Don't Know Me by David Klaas

8th into 9th Grade Honors

A Child Called It by David Peltzer

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Girl Walking Backwards by Brett Williams

The Eyes of the Dragon by Stephen King

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

The Host by Stephanie Meyers

9th into 10th Grade

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

Please Stop Laughing At Me by Jodee Blanco

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

9th into 10th Grade Honors

Please refer to the assignment that is posted on the DPHS English website.

10th into 11th Grade

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Ordinary People by Judith Guest

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

The Last Lecture by Randi Pausch

The Wild Things by Dave Eggers

10th into 11AP

Please refer to the assignment that is posted on the DPHS English website.

11th into 12th Grade

19 Minutes by Jodi Picoult

A Million Little Pieces by James Frey

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The Dead Zone by Stephen King

The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids by Alexandra Robbins

11th in 12AP

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Guided Reading Questions

1. Who are the main characters? What are the conflicts and pressures that the characters face?
2. Do the main characters change throughout the story? Explain.
3. How does the author use literary devices to drive the story? Explain.
4. What major life lessons are discussed by the author(s)? Explain.
5. How did this book make you feel? Provide specific examples from the text.
6. Did the title fit the book? Imagine you are the author of the novel. You were just informed by the editor that you must change the title of the book. What would be the new title? Explain.
7. Draw comparisons with other literature, historical events and/or experiences you have had personally. Explain.