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Suggested Summer Reading List

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Below you will find your child's 2020 Suggested Summer Reading List. We suggest your child read at least one of the novels from this list. They are encouraged to identify significant plot points, look for writing techniques, analyse characters, symbols, themes and ideas as they read, as well as enjoy the novel and embrace the love of reading. In order to help your child with his/her reading selection we have included a short synopsis of each of the novels.

We encourage students to order the novel online in keeping with the social distancing rules set forth by Santé Public, yet local book stores have the novels in stock. If ordering online please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks for novels to arrive, therefore do not wait until the end of summer to order. If you plan to purchase at a bookstore look into getting the books at the beginning of summer as it may take 2 to 3 weeks to receive books if they run out of stock.

Public libraries are also a good option to find the novels.

Please take note that this year your child will NOT have a Summer Reading Test, as this is a Suggested Reading List.

We hope you and your child have a restful summer and we look forward to starting the new school year in September.

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“Feed”

By: Matthew Tobin Anderson

For Titus and his friends, it started out like any ordinary trip to the moon — a chance to party during spring break. But that was before the crazy hacker caused all their feeds to malfunction, sending them to the hospital to lie around with nothing inside their heads for days. And it was before Titus met Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl who has decided to fight the feed and its ever-present ability to categorize human thoughts and desires. M. T. Anderson’s not-so-brave new world is a smart, savage satire that has captivated readers with its view of an imagined future that veers unnervingly close to the here and now.

Synopsis from Indigo

“Never Fall Down”

By: Patricia McCormick

This National Book Award nominee from two-time finalist Patricia McCormick is the unforgettable story of Arn Chorn-Pond, who defied the odds to survive the Cambodian genocide of 1975-1979 and the labor camps of the Khmer Rouge.

Based on the true story of Cambodian advocate Arn Chorn-Pond, and authentically told from his point of view as a young boy, this is an achingly raw and powerful historical novel about a child of war who becomes a man of peace. It includes an author's note and acknowledgments from Arn Chorn-Pond himself.

When soldiers arrive in his hometown, Arn is just a normal little boy. But after the soldiers march the entire population into the countryside, his life is changed forever.

Arn is separated from his family and assigned to a labor camp: working in the rice paddies under a blazing sun, he sees the other children dying before his eyes. One day, the soldiers ask if any of the kids can play an instrument. Arn's never played a note in his life, but he volunteers.

This decision will save his life, but it will pull him into the very center of what we know today as the Killing Fields. And just as the country is about to be liberated, Arn is handed a gun and forced to become a soldier.

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