

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR  
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9**

**Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Speak*.**

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

**Bakker, Robert. *Raptor Red*.**

One of the world's foremost paleontologists dramatizes his theories through the eyes of a dinosaur.

**Bradbury, Ray. *The Martian Chronicles*.**

This collection of short stories depicts the colonization of Mars.

**Brooks, Polly Schoyer. *Cleopatra: Goddess of Egypt*.**

This well-written balanced, and entertaining biography of the queen of Egypt does an excellent job of distinguishing fact from fiction.

**Burns, Olive Ann. *Cold Sassy Tree*.**

This emotion-filled novel tells how the modern age comes to the Georgia town of Cold Sassy.

**Card, Orson Scott. *Memory of Earth*.**

In a futuristic society women hold the power and the world is monitored by a supercomputer that tries to prevent violence and war.

**Crutcher, Chris. *Ironman*.**

While training for a triathlon, 17 year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.

**Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*.**

This collection recounts 12 masterful tales by the father of detective fiction.

**Fraser, Antonia. *Mary, Queen of Scots*.**

This sympathetic biography chronicles the life of a tragic figure in English history.

**Going, K. L. *Fat Kid Rules the World*.**

Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

**Herriot, James. *All Creatures Great and Small.***

This popular work recounts the heartfelt true story of a countryside veterinarian.

**Hugo, Victor. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame.***

Hugo recounts the tale of love and adventure between the grotesque deaf, mute hunchback and the mysteriously beautiful gypsy dancer.

**Hurwin, Davida Wills. *A Time for Dancing.***

This is the story of four close friends who have been inseparable for most of their 16 years and how they learn to deal with death and dying when one of them is diagnosed with cancer.

**Lovell, Jim. *Lost Moon.***

Lovell offers a first-person account of the failed Apollo 13 moon mission in 1972.

**Oates, Joyce Carol. *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl.***

When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.

**Paulsen, Gary. *The Crossing.***

Manny Bustos is an orphan, scrambling for survival on the streets of Juarez, Mexico. He makes friends with an American sergeant in order to make it across the border.

**Spinelli, Jerry. *Stargirl.***

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage on nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

**Swarthout, Glen. *Bless the Beasts and the Children.***

Troubled youths discover the meaning of friendship and responsibility.

**Wong, Jade Snow. *Fifth Chinese Daughter.***

This biography takes place in San Francisco in the 1920s and tells of one Chinese daughter and her family.