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# Neshaminy School District

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Dear Parents or Guardians of Incoming Tenth Graders:

The English Department of Neshaminy High School is pleased to announce the continuation of our summer reading program, with a new emphasis on student interest and self-selection. Studies have shown that students who continue to read during the summer are more perceptive readers, more expressive writers and more thoughtful speakers. Reading during the summer increases an awareness of the connection between reading for pleasure and reading for knowledge. Summer reading can help students become independent, life-long learners.

Students entering 10th grade English classes in the fall are asked to either self-select or read one of the suggested titles listed below during their summer vacation. Students may select any literary title, 100 pages or longer, of interest that is not a required reading from another course. During first marking period, students will earn a grade for a thematically based in-class writing assignment based on their self-selected text.

For students entering 10th grade AP preparatory classes, they are required to read *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut, in addition, to a self-selected text.

Thank you for supporting the summer reading program. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about what he/she is choosing to read. Choice is essential in fostering the love of literature. The books may be borrowed from our school library electronically (Over Drive), local libraries, or purchased at local bookstores.

Sincerely,

The Neshaminy High School English Department

Suggested summer reading options – choose one of the recommended titles OR self-select a literary title/genre based on interest that is not listed below:

***Cat's Cradle*** by Kurt Vonnegut (fantasy)  
***A Lesson Before Dying*** by Ernest Gaines (historical)  
***The Secret Life of Bees*** by Sue Monk Kidd (historical)  
***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*** by Mark Haddon (mystery)  
***Life of Pi*** by Yann Martel (adventure)  
***Lightboxes*** by Shane Jones (fantasy)  
***A Separate Peace*** by John Knowles (historical)  
***Throne of Glass*** by Sarah J. Maas (fantasy)  
***How I Live Now*** by Meg Rosoff (adventure)  
***A Wizard of Earthsea*** by Ursula Le Guin (fantasy)  
***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** by Stephen Chbosky (realistic fiction)  
***Mists of Avalon*** by Marion Zimmer Bradley (fantasy)  
***Z for Zachariah*** by Robert O'Brien (fantasy)  
***The Golem and Jinni*** by Helene Wrecker (fantasy)

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