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Dear Parents or Guardians of Incoming Ninth 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, especially when choice is provided.

Students entering all ninth 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**.

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, 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:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (dystopian)
Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons (realistic fiction)
Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata (historical)
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein (realistic)
A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Camer (fantasy)
The Help by Kathryn Stockett (historical)
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (adventure)
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer (dystopian)
Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, an American Town by Warren St. John (memoir)
Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff (realistic)
If You Find Me by Emily Murdoch (realistic)
My Most Excellent Year by Steve Kluger (realistic)
The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore (Memoir)

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