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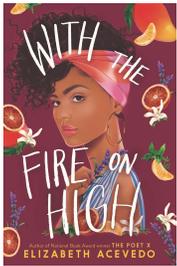
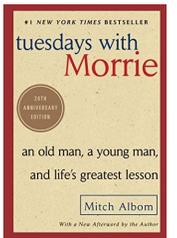
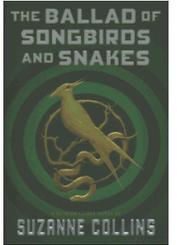
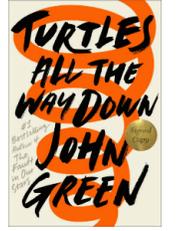
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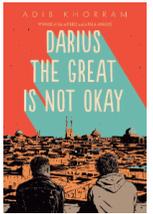
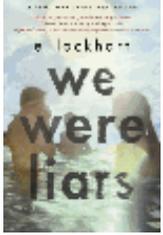
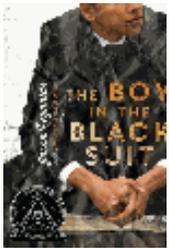
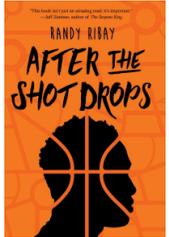
## 2021 SUMMER READING for students entering GRADE 9

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body” – Sir Richard Steele

Students entering grade 9 are required to read a minimum of **two books**.

Students may read any of the suggested books listed below, or they may choose suitably challenging books not on the list. At the beginning of the school year, students will be asked to reflect on the books they read over the summer in a meaningful way. Students should work on their note-taking skills to prepare for discussions and assessments.

<p><b><i>With the Fire on High</i></b> by Elizabeth Acevedo “In <i>With the Fire on High</i>, a 17 year old girl named Emoni got pregnant in her freshman year. Now, as a senior, her parents aren't very present, so her 'Buella takes care of her. She is juggling a lot on her plate, deciding what to do for college, exploring her love for cooking, making sure 'Buella's health is okay, and trying to be a good mother to her daughter. But, there is a possible love interest in Emoni's life who she keeps pushing away...” - Ashley Paolini, Class of 2024</p> <p>eBook/eLivro/eLibro: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i></b> by Mitch Albom “<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> is an extraordinary book. It's a life lesson and a life guide that you will take on forever. I recommend this book to anyone, and especially for people who are going through hard times.” - Lucas Garcia, Class of 2023</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i></b> by Suzanne Collins “This prequel to the <i>Hunger Games</i> series is about Coriolanus Snow, a smart, poor 18 year old who is going to be a mentor for the 10th Hunger Games. His mentee ends up being the underdog Lucy Gray. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes Sci-Fi, especially if you liked the previous trilogy of <i>Hunger Games</i> books and movies.” - Katie Quinn, Class of 2024</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Turtles All the Way Down</i></b> by John Green “This novel is based on a girl, Aza, who struggles with OCD and anxiety. Along with viewing her mental illness through her perspective, a mystery awaits for her and her best friend. I would recommend this to anybody who likes to read about mystery.” - Dayana Alvarado Perez, Class of 2024</p> <p>eBook/eLivro/eLibro: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	

<p><b><i>Darius the Great is Not Okay</i></b> by Adib Khorram</p> <p>“Darius travels to his mother's home country, Iran, and learns a lot about himself and his ancestry. I loved this book because it was very heartfelt, and did a nice job of appropriately addressing depression, and how it affects mental and social teen health.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Mia Homann, Class of 2024</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>We Were Liars</i></b> by E. Lockhart</p> <p>“<i>We Were Liars</i> takes place on the private island, Beechwood, owned by the wealthy Sinclair family, off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. Cadence Sinclair lost the memory of her 15th summer there, and she spends the book trying to figure out what happened. It is an incredible story with a shocking ending.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Carolyn Cotta, Class of 2024</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>The Boy in the Black Suit</i></b> by Jason Reynolds</p> <p>“From Jason Reynolds, author of <i>Ghost</i>, <i>A Long Way Down</i>, and <i>Stamped</i>, comes the story of Matt, a high school senior in Brooklyn with an after-school job at a funeral home - it pays better than fast-food. While he helps mourners, he is also dealing with his own grief, and eventually meets Lovey, who might be the one person who understands how he feels.”</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>After the Shot Drops</i></b> by Randy Ribay</p> <p>“Bunny’ Thompson switches schools when he is recruited to play basketball at a private school, but he doesn't tell his best friend Nasir; the story is about how they go about rebuilding their friendship. I really liked this book because it shows how tough life can be for some people, but how they can make it better or worse with their decisions and hard work.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Anthony Moretti, Class of 2024</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card</i></b> by Sara Saedi</p> <p>“<i>Americanized</i> is a story about a young woman who learns that she doesn't have a green card and how this affects her everyday life. I would recommend this book because it's funny, relatable, and taps into feelings that most books are unable to get to.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Lila Wolf-Wagner, Class of 2024</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Nimona</i></b> by Noelle Stevenson</p> <p>“In this graphic novel, shape-shifting girl meets uptight supervillain. Chaos and the feels ensue.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Eleanor Felton, Class of 2024</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	