



Freshman Summer Reading List AY 2026-27

Choose **ONE** of the following books to read over summer. Come prepared to take the reading test on the first day back to school.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar *

Starting high school is never easy. Seniors take your lunch money. Girls you've known forever are suddenly beautiful and unattainable. And you can never get enough sleep. Could there be a worse time for Scott's mother to announce she's pregnant?

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Think about the person who had a profound influence over your life, and now think about what you would say to that person if after years of absence you suddenly saw them again. Mitch reconnects with a college professor, and their Tuesday meetings are life affirming.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Told from the point of view of an Alaskan sled dog, this classic adventure story traces the transformation of a civilized animal to a harsh leader of the wild.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. Does young Andrew "Ender" Wiggin have what it takes to be the perfect general Earth has been looking for?

Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

Aza Holmes has OCD, ADHD, and a pressing desire to find a missing billionaire and collect the hundred-thousand-dollar reward. Aza wants to be a good daughter, a good friend, and maybe even a good detective, but can she escape the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.

* = Book taught during summer school.