



Garces Memorial High School

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Freshman Summer Reading List AY 2023-24

Choose **TWO** of the following books to read over summer. Come prepared to take the reading tests 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.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

After breaking up an end-of-the-year party by calling the cops, Melinda becomes an outcast in high school, so she retreats to a world of silence. And as the year progresses, Melinda must find her voice again, a voice that will speak up, speak out, and speak the truth.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Gene and Finny are friends at a boy's boarding school in New England during the early years of WWII. What happens one summer changes their lives forever.

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.

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Charlie has an IQ of 68, but an experimental surgery could change all that. It has already worked on the lab rat Algernon, but how will it change Charlie? Follow his personal journal entries to find out.

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?

Divergent by Veronica Roth †

In a futuristic Chicago, society is divided into five groups: Candor (honesty), Abnegation (selflessness), Dauntless (bravery), Amity (peaceful), and Erudite (intelligent). Beatrice must choose her community carefully, for in a world of sameness, what makes you different also makes you dangerous.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

This riveting story of a WWII ship for wartime refugees is told from four different perspectives, each one from a different homeland, each one with a different secret, but all of them bound together aboard a ship that promises safety and freedom. But not all promises can be kept.

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.