

Summer Reading 2010

English Skills I, II, III, and IV

Students entering into English Skills I, II, III, or IV are expected to read one (1) novel for summer reading. Please refer to the following lists for the choices of books to read depending upon which level of English Skills you are entering. If you would like to read a novel other than one of the ones listed, please email Mr. White at swhite@coebrown.org to obtain prior approval. At the start of the year, students will be assessed for basic comprehension of the novel they chose.

Choosing your novel: Be sure you select a novel that will interest you, as you will be reading it closely!

While Reading: Be sure to read your book closely, paying attention to the characters and events in the story. While reading, feel free to take HANDWRITTEN notes. These notes may be used on the test in class.

English Skills I

Tuesdays With Morrie – Mitch Albom

This true story about the love between a spiritual mentor and his pupil has soared to the bestseller list as readers meet Morrie Schwartz--a one of a kind professor and are privy to intimate moments of his final days as he lies dying from a terminal illness.

The Body of Christopher Creed – Carol Plum-Ucci

A loner from high school has disappeared, leaving a mysterious note on the school library computer. Is he a runaway, a suicide, a murder victim? Three unlikely-paired students try to solve the mystery of Christopher Creed's disappearance by attempting to steal his diary.

The House of the Scorpion – Nancy Farmer

A scientist brings to life one of 36 tiny cells, resulting in Matt, a clone of a powerful drug lord. Farmer traces Matt's growing awareness of what being a clone of one of the most powerful and feared men on earth entails. Through the kindness of the only two adults who treat Matt like a human, he experiences firsthand the evils at work in Opium, and the destructive power of greed.

The Truth About Forever- Sarah Dessen

Macy, 16, recently witnessed her father's death and is handling it differently from her mother and sister. When she encounters a new group of friends through her summer job, Macy finds love, acceptance, a renewed sense of self and a chance to reconnect with her mother.

Travel Team – Mike Lupica

Danny is a basketball fanatic, smart, talented, fast, and dedicated, but short. When he fails to make the seventh-grade travel team, he and the others cut from the team form their own squad, coached by his father who battles alcoholism.

English Skills II

The Burn Journals, by Brent Runyon

What Happened to Cass McBride, by Gail Giles

Sold, by Patricia McCormick

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines, by Joseph Bruchac

Peak, by Roland Smith

English Skills III and IV

Please email Mr. White at swhite@coebrown.org for alternative books to read.