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**Suggested Summer Reading**

We believe reading widely and frequently supports learning, vocabulary building and provides hours of enjoyment for a lifetime. Here are some books teachers recommend to enhance your understanding of the course work you will encounter in the school year.

**Art**

The Agony and the Ecstasy, Irving Stone  
Broad Strokes, Brigit Quinn  
The Gold Finch, Donna Tartt  
Girl with a Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier  
The Shadow Catcher, Marianne Wiggins

**English**

Crime and Punishment, Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith  
A Mercy, Toni Morrison  
The Company She Keeps, Mary McCarthy  
The Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger  
The Kite Runner, Kahled Hosseini

**Social Science**

The Boys in the Boat, Danial James Brown  
All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr  
A History of Love, Nicole Krauss  
Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe  
Slouching Towards Bethlehem, Joan Didion  
The Warmth of Other Suns, Isabel Wilkerson  
Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith and Love, Dava Sobel  
I am Malala, Malala Yousafzai

**Math**

The Apprenticeship of a Mathematician, Andre Weil  
A Beautiful Mind, Sylvia Nasar  
No Ordinary Genius: The Illustrated Richard Feynman, Christopher Sykes  
The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell  
Who Got Einstein's Office? Eccentricity and Genius at the Institute for Advanced Study, Ed Regis

#### Physical Education and Movement

Swimming to Antarctica, Lynne Coz  
Sea Biscuit, Laura Hildebrand  
The X Factor: A Quest for Excellence, George Plimpton  
A Necessary Spectacle: Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs, and the Tennis Match that Levelled the Game, Selena Roberts

#### Science

The Omnivore's Dilemma, Michael Pollan  
The Flavia de Luce Mysteries (Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie), Alan Bradley  
Surely You're Joking Mr. Feynman, Richard Feynman  
Hot Zone, Richard Preston  
Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas, Jim Ottaviani  
The Panda's Thumb, Stephan Jay Gould

#### Spanish

One Hundred years of Solitude, Gabriela Garcia Marquez  
Open Veins of Latin America, Eduardo Galleano  
The Motorcycle Diaries, Ernesto Che Guevara  
The House of Spirits, Isabel Allende  
The Alchemist, Paula Coelho  
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros  
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents, Julia Alvarez