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Dear Columbia Independent School Students:

We couldn't let you head out on your summer adventures without giving you a parting gift! Attached to this letter you will find your summer reading selections, encouraging you to turn reading into a yearlong pursuit that is both enjoyable and inspiring. It is our hope that you will continue reading with the fervor you demonstrated during the year, while proceeding at your own pace.

As is the CIS tradition, all CIS students are required to read at least two novels to fulfill the summer reading requirement. One of the texts for each grade level is mandatory, while the second text is to be selected from the recommended titles listed beneath the required text. If you have already read a book from the recommended list, we still want you to select among the others to ensure that you read two books that are new to you. Of course you may read more than two novels if you choose, but you are expected to bring the *required selections* AND *notes* to the first week of classes.

Summer reading should be undertaken with care because these books serve as the foundation for the first assignments of the school year. Taking notes as you read will help you remember important concepts when school resumes in August. Most of the books are available for checkout at the Columbia Independent School Media Center or at the public library. Please remember that movies are not substitutes for completing the reading – they are a director's version of the text and should be viewed as supplementary material.

We hope you find your summer reading selections interesting and enjoyable.

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CIS SUMMER READING LISTS 2010 – MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Summer Reading Selections:

***REQUIRED TEXT:** Taylor, Mildred. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Recommended Titles:

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*
Filipovic, Zlata. *Zlata's Diary*
Konigsburg, E.L. *The View from Saturday*
Mass, Wendy. *A Mango Shaped Space*
Paulson, Gary. *Hatchet*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped; Treasure Island*
Zindel, Paul. *The Gadget*

7th Grade Summer Reading Selections:

***REQUIRED TEXT:** Philbrick, Rodman. *The Last Book in the Universe.*

NOTE: If you read this book in a reading circle for 6th grade, you need to choose two books from the recommended list for your summer reading. You still need to come to the first day of school prepared to discuss the required book in class (meaning that you may want to refresh before school resumes.)

Recommended Titles:

Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*
Gardner, Graham. *Inventing Elliot*
Lowry, Lois. *The Messenger; Gathering Blue*
Magorian, Michelle. *Good Night, Mr. Tom*
Tolkein, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*
Smith, Betty. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
Adams, Richard. *Watership Down*

8th Grade Summer Reading Selections:

***REQUIRED TEXT:** Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.*

Recommended Titles:

Bradbury, Ray. *Dandelion Wine*
Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*
Keyes, Daniel. *Flowers for Algernon*
Hickam, Homer. *October Sky*
Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World*
Steinbeck, John. *Of Mice and Men*

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9th Grade Summer Reading Selections:

***REQUIRED TEXT:** Coelho, Paolo. *The Alchemist*

Recommended Titles:

Achebe, Chinua. *Things Fall Apart*

Cervantes, Miguel. *Don Quixote*

Khaled, Hosseini. *The Kite Runner*

Lahiri, Jhumpa. *The Namesake*

Martel, Yann. *Life of Pi*

Silko, Leslie Marmon. *Ceremony*

Tan, Amy. *The Joy Luck Club*

10th Grade Summer Reading Selections:

***REQUIRED TEXT:** Wilde, Oscar. *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

Recommended Titles:

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*

Camus, Albert. *The Stranger*

Dickens, Charles. *A Tale of Two Cities*

Hamsun, Knut. *Hunger*

Kafka, Franz. *The Metamorphosis*

MacLaverty, Bernard. *Cal*

Woolf, Virginia. *To the Lighthouse*

AP Language Summer Reading Selections:

***REQUIRED TEXTS:** Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Krakauer, Jon. *Into the Wild*

Recommended Reading:

Dinesen, Isak. *Out of Africa*

Eggers, Dave. *What is the What*

Haley, Alex. *Roots*

Hoffman, Paul. *The Man Who Loved Only Numbers*

McCourt, Frank. *'Tis; Angela's Ashes*

Paton, Alan. *Cry, the Beloved Country*

Wolff, Tobias. *This Boy's Life*