



Presentation

Academy

2010-2011 Rising Senior Summer Reading

Each year Presentation Academy requires that each student read at least one book to complete her summer reading assignment. Each student is to read the book of her choice from the list of possibilities for her grade level. The student should not choose a book she has already read. During the first week of the 2010 – 2011 school year her knowledge of the book will be assessed.

In an effort to support the idea of being a lifelong reader, we encourage you as parents to read the book that your daughter chooses and discuss the chosen book with her. We hope this approach to the summer reading assignment will encourage reading for enjoyment by the student and by her family.

A Pearl in the Storm by Tori Murden McClure

Tori McClure details her failed attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean, alone and in a wooden boat, during the summer of 1998, and describes how, after she was forced to concede to the weather and return to her home in Kentucky, Tori was inspired by a conversation with Muhammad Ali to make a second attempt.

A Parchment of Leaves by Silas House

Vine, a young Cherokee woman in the early 1900s, leaves her world for that of Saul Sullivan, the white man she loves, and is met with scorn by the townspeople and her new mother-in-law, and a disturbing fascination on the part of her new brother-in-law.

Little Bee by Chris Cleave

A confrontation between a sixteen-year-old Nigerian orphan, called Little Bee, and a wealthy British couple on vacation, has life-changing consequences for everyone involved.

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

Computer science professor Randy Pausch, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, discusses how to overcome obstacles in one's life and achieve one's dreams.