

2011 PRESENTATION ACADEMY 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 2011 – 2012 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.

Freshman Class of 2015

Double Dutch by Sharon Draper

Three eighth-grade friends, preparing for the International Double Dutch Championship jump rope competition in their home town of Cincinnati, Ohio, cope with Randy's missing father, Delia's inability to read, and Yo Yo's encounter with the class bullies

Charms for the Easy Life by Kaye Gibbons

Story of three generations of women from the Kate family living in rural North Carolina.

Sophomore Class of 2014

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

Taylor, a poor Kentuckian, makes her way west with an abandoned baby girl and stops in Tucson. There she finds friends and discovers resources in apparently empty places.

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

Junior
Class of 2013

Eli the Good by Silas House

In the summer of 1976, ten-year-old Eli Book's excitement over Bicentennial celebrations is tempered by his father's flashbacks to the Vietnam War and other family problems, as well as concern about his tough but troubled best friend, Edie.

The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet by Jamie Ford

Henry Lee, a Chinese American in Seattle in 1986, comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, where the new owner has discovered the belongings of Japanese families who were sent to internment camps during World War II, and the opening of a long-lost parasol sends Henry's thoughts back to 1940 and the memory of an innocent love.

Senior
Class of 2012

A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life.

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.