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Suggested Summer Reading List

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Below you will find your child's 2020 Suggested Summer Reading List. We suggest your child read at least one of the novels from this list. They are encouraged to identify significant plot points, look for writing techniques, analyse characters, symbols, themes and ideas as they read, as well as enjoy the novel and embrace the love of reading. In order to help your child with his/her reading selection we have included a short synopsis of each of the novels.

We encourage students to order the novel online in keeping with the social distancing rules set forth by Santé Public, yet local book stores have the novels in stock. If ordering online please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks for novels to arrive, therefore do not wait until the end of summer to order. If you plan to purchase at a bookstore look into getting the books at the beginning of summer as it may take 2 to 3 weeks to receive books if they run out of stock.

Public libraries are also a good option to find the novels.

Please take note that this year your child will NOT have a Summer Reading Test, as this is a Suggested Reading List.

We hope you and your child have a restful summer and we look forward to starting the new school year in September.

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“The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian”
by : [Sherman Alexie](#)

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live.

From: <https://www.goodreads.com>

“Dear Martin”
By: [Nic Stone](#)

Raw, captivating, and undeniably real, Nic Stone joins industry giants Jason Reynolds and Walter Dean Myers as she boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning debut.

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.

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