

Cycle 2, Year 2
Suggested Summer Reading List
2011

It's Kind of a Funny Story

Ned Vizzini

15-year-old Craig Gilner's glorious acceptance to a prestigious Manhattan high school is quickly followed by overwhelming pressure and paralyzing depression. When partying and drugs don't help matters, he eventually finds himself the local psychiatric ward – oddly enough, in the adult section since the adolescent wing is under repair. There, he meets a kooky cast of characters and begins to find his path to wellness again.

Light on Snow

Anita Shreve

After the devastating loss of her mother and baby sister, Nicky Dillon and her father now live alone in their cabin in the woods of New Hampshire. While Nicky's father struggles to cope with his grief and accomplish the most simple of daily tasks, Nicky secretly yearns for the day when they will become a family once again – and the bizarre discovery of an abandoned newborn baby in the woods one snowy night gives her hope that her dream might come true.

Lord of the Flies

William Golding

This classic novel follows a group of English schoolchildren stranded on a deserted island following the crash of their airplane. Readers are quickly drawn into the boys' increasingly brutal world as they become divided in a bitter power struggle that exposes the darkest elements of human nature.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. Routine, order and predictability shelter him from the messy, wider world until at fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart.

The 5 People You Meet in Heaven

Mitch Albom

This novel chronicles the life and death of a simple yet dignified old man, Eddie. After dying in a freak accident, Eddie finds himself in heaven where he encounters five people who have significantly affected his life, whether he realized at the time or not.