



Out of the Starting Gate With **Freshman** **2010 Summer Reading**

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Dear Colt Parent,

Now that summer is beginning, we want to remind you and your son to include summer reading books into your vacation activities. Because summer reading is an integral part of the English curriculum, the English department has gone to great lengths to select the following books for next year's freshman. Your son will be given an assessment over his summer reading on the second day of classes, and that assessment grade will be counted on his first report card.

These books will be available at local bookstores, at the public library, (call for availability), or online at Amazon.com. **Please encourage your son to read-- it is an important and mandatory part of his education!**

All freshmen must read one of the following books.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

Scott Hudson's first day at Zenger High is a busy one: a girl he's known forever is suddenly beautiful and unattainable, his bus driver shouts and drives way too fast, there's an impenetrable language barrier in his Spanish class, and his mom has just announced that she's pregnant. Compelled by his own hectic high school experience, he decides to keep a manual for surviving high school for his unborn sibling, complete with tips, lists, random facts, and various vocabulary words.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Steve Harmon, is a sixteen-year-old on trial for murder. The story is told from Steve's point of view, as he struggles with the fact that he is being tried for felony murder. It is a trial that, if the jury finds him guilty, could result in the death penalty at worst, and at best, over twenty years in prison. Steve is a young filmmaker, and as a result, Myers writes the novel in two forms.