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Dear Incoming ELD 4 Student,

With your summer vacation right around the corner, we know you are looking forward to having some time to rest, read some good books, and enjoy the lovely weather. Like many other excellent private schools, FCS provides a summer reading assignment.

Choose one novel from the attached list. You may only choose from this list to fulfill the requirement. A brief description is provided to help you with your choice. You must bring your novel to class the first day of school.

### **Recommended Notes**

Note-taking will help you prepare for the in-class essay. You may write in the book or write notes on “post-its” (please use only the 1 ½ “x 2” size). *Post-it notes cannot be used to write out sentences in response to the prompt.*

If you choose to use an electronic reader (iPad, Kindle, Nook, etc.) for your reading, use one of the many apps available to make electronic notes on the text. The Kindle and GoodNotes apps are free and allow you to highlight and write notes on the text. There are other free and for-fee apps available as well. **Please note:** *You will be allowed to use your reader and electronic notes as references to write your essay in August as long as they are done on the text and **not** in a separate document on your device.*

### **Required In-Class Essay**

During the first week of school, you will write an in-class essay to answer this prompt:

In a multi-paragraph essay, explain how the novel’s conflict begins, rises (develops), and is resolved.

- (1) Explain how the conflict is first revealed in the inciting incident.
- (2) Explain how the conflict rises (develops) through various events and culminates in the climax.
- (3) Lastly, explain how the conflict is resolved and the story concludes.

Use concrete details from the novel with correct citations.

You may refer to any notes you have written in your book or on “post-it” notes.

Your essay will be evaluated using the attached rubric. Your grade will be recorded on RenWeb as a test grade.

We look forward to seeing your written responses. Enjoy your summer vacation! If you have any questions, please email us.

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### **Reading List**

*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.*

Stiefvater, Maggie. *The Scorpia Races*. Scholastic, 2011. Some race for fame. Some race for fortune. Then there is the story of Puck Connolly who, for the sake of her family, willingly risks her life as she races the legendary water horses in the bloody and brutal Scorpia Races.

Riggs, Ransom. *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*. Quirk Books, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined but may also still be alive. Haunting vintage photographs are dispersed throughout the book, giving the story a hint of creepiness. *Series*