

Pre-IB English 9  
Summer Reading 2011

Hello Pre-IB English 9 students!

Pre-IB English 9 promises to be a rigorous yet rewarding course. I hope you are looking forward to next year as much as I am. To prepare you for the course, I would like you to complete the following summer reading assignments:

1. **Read *Ender's Game*.** You will be working with this text in class so having your own copy is preferable. Any edition of the novel is fine. Take notes on the major events and the characters of the story. Bring your notes during the first week of class. Please do not download any notes from the internet.
2. **Answer ONE of the following essay prompts using *Ender's Game*.** The prompts are modified IB Exam release questions and should be answered in 2 to 3 pages. Have your responses ready to hand in on the first day of school.

"Traditionally, the hero somehow represents the community and carries with him its hopes and fears." Consider to what extent and to what effect this statement is true for *Ender's Game*.

OR

Select what you believe is a significant quote from the novel. In your introduction, explain the meaning of the quote. Then show how it is relevant and significant throughout the novel.

Enjoy your summer and take the time to do things you will not have time for once school starts again. The upcoming year will be a challenging one but also rewarding and beneficial and, maybe at times, fun. Enjoy your summer assignments, take the time to do them well, and if you have any questions or comments during the summer, please do not hesitate to email me at [Audrey\\_Starr@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Audrey_Starr@mcpsmd.org).

Sincerely,

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