MaST Community Charter School Middle School Summer Reading List (SY 12-13)

All rising 7-8th graders will be responsible for reading two books during the summer. The first book of each list (indicated with **) will be read by the entire grade while the students have a choice between books two and three in their lists. Students will then take two objective tests covering the two books on Friday, August 31, 2012.

Incoming Seventh Graders

**No More Dead Dogs

By Gordon Korman.

From Card Catalog Description—

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Millicent Min Girl Genius

By Lisa Yee

Review taken from Amazon.com—

Millie, an 11-year-old with a genius IQ, is taking a college poetry class and waiting for her high school senior year. Against her will, she is enrolled in summer volleyball and enlisted to tutor Stanford Wong, a friend of the family. Into this mix enters Emily, a volleyball teammate and typical preteen. The girls become friends, but Millie neglects to tell Emily about her genius status which leads to feelings of betrayal.

Freak the Mighty

By Rodman Philbrick

Synopsis--

Meet Maxwell Kane, narrator of *Freak the Mighty*. He's a timid soul stuck in the body of a teenage giant with size 14 shoes. Haunted by a dark secret in his past, he hides out in his basement room, avoiding the world. But when a new kid moves in next door, Max's life changes forever. The two outcasts from the 'normal' world team up to become "Freak the Mighty." Like knights of old they defend the weak, right every wrong—and solve the mystery of Max's past. Proving once and for all that courage comes in all sizes.