Our search for next fall’s school-wide read title continues! Please ask your teacher to record all titles somewhere on your board. Next week, every Grade 6 and 7 at Minnekhada will get a chance to vote for his/her favourite. However, the results will be kept top-secret and won’t be revealed until an assembly in early September! Here we go again…

Book #2: The Talent Thief

The Talent Thief is a fast-paced adventure novel by Alex Williams.

Adam and Cressida Bloom, orphans left under the care of their uncle, are invited to a Talent Contest by a mysterious man by the name of Fortunato. One by one, exceptionally talented contestants lose their talents, a math genius forgets how to do simple math, a piano virutoso can no longer play music. Adam, a seemingly talentless boy, sets out on a journey to unravel the mystery behind the missing talents, and faces a number of dangerous close calls. He ends up finding out the ominous secret about Fortunato, and also much more about himself. A must-read for adventure lovers.

Book #3: Zen and the Art of Faking It by Jordan Sonnenblick

“When the going gets tough – fake it!

Look, I didn’t ask to move to Nowheresville, Pennsylvania. I stick out here like a squid on Mount Everest. The way I figure it, blending in won’t make people like me. Or solve my huge family problems. Or get me noticed by Woody, the fearless, wild-haired, guitar-rocking girl of my dreams – without getting my butt kicked by her huge, evil friend.

Blending in is impossible. So maybe it’s time for me to stand out.

Meet San Lee, a (sort of) innocent teenager, who moves against his will to a new town. Things get interesting when he (sort of) invents a new past for himself, which makes him (sort of) popular. In fact, his whole school starts to (sort of) worship him, just because he (sort of) accidentally gave the impression that he’s a reincarnated mystic.

When things start to unravel, San needs to find some real wisdom in a hurry. Can he patch things up with his family, save himself from bodily harm, stop being an outcast, and maybe even get the girl? Sort of…”

Tomorrow, more titles will be revealed. Stay tuned!