## Dear Pre-AP Students and Families:

Welcome to Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) English I. Below, you will note this year's summer reading requirements. The purpose of the summer reading packet is to practice close reading strategies while your child's brain is at rest (summer vacation). Research states, "summer reading loss refers to the decline in children's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). With this said, it is important for everyone to pick up a book and read.

Please make sure to complete these assignments over the summer. These assignments will count as grades when we return to school in August and all of the readings will be discussed and used as the foundation of our classwork the first nine weeks of school.

**FIRST STEP**: Sign up for the Summer Work Google classroom, in which, you will find assignments and reading.

Please use the following code to log in to the Pre-AP English 1 Summer Reading 2018 page:

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## **Assignments:**

- 1. Read fiction title *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier.
  - You can purchase your own copy of the title at a local bookstores or online or you can download and read PDF version posted on Google classroom.
  - Complete a DJ (Dialectical Journal) for <u>each of the 39</u> chapters. You have the option of writing these on Google classroom under "Dialectical Journal" assignment or you can write these in a notebook and turn in on first day of school.
  - Notes on how to write dialectical journals can be found on Google classroom.
- 2. Create Tissue Box Project.
  - Purchase a tissue box and prepare yourself to illustrate something on each side.
  - Notes on how to complete this mini project can be found on Google classroom.
- 3. Be ready to discuss the novel on the first day of school. During the first week of school we will read non-fiction excerpts from *The Book of Chocolate* by HP Newquist and poetry from Sherman Alexie to add depth to your analysis of *The Chocolate War*. It is important to fully read the fiction title above in order to complete assignments during first week of school.

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