

May 2016

Dear Parents:

In Katy ISD, all students are encouraged to read for pleasure over the summer. Summer reading provides many advantages for students, including maintaining skills, fostering independent learning, and promoting a lifelong love of reading.

Additionally, students who enroll in PreAP or AP English courses in grades 7-12 are expected to read an appropriately challenging work of literary merit over the summer to create an initial common framework for course discussion and study.

PreAP and AP English courses offered in grades 6-12 are designed to develop reading, writing, and thinking skills necessary for success in these courses and the Advanced Placement examinations available upon completion of AP English courses. Students who are successful on Advanced Placement exams may be awarded credit for college English courses at most colleges and universities.

Your child has requested **English I PreAP or English I PreAP/GT** course for the upcoming school year. For the summer of 2016, students will carefully read one of the following titles:

English I PreAP or English I PreAP/GT Summer Reading:

Mythology by Edith Hamilton
The Lottery and Other Short Stories by Shirley Jackson

The guiding question below provides the student with a focus for his/her reading. After classroom instruction, this guiding question and the summer reading text will provide the basis for discussion and writing in the fall semester.

Guiding Question:

How does the author use conflict to develop the characters and the theme?

Students are encouraged to read additional books of their choice throughout the summer for enjoyment and to maintain literacy skills. Students will be expected to read widely from a variety of texts throughout the school year.

Encourage your child to complete this reading by the start of school in August. All students must complete the reading no later than Monday, August 29, 2016.

A copy of this letter can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/1E4kPM6> under the *PreAP/AP & PreAP/AP GT Summer Reading* link. A parent who has a concern with the text options may contact Amanda Palmer at amandakpalmer@katyisd.org or 281.237.7059 or Diana Sarao at dianapsarao@katyisd.org or 281.396.2121.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



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English I PreAP or English I PreAP/GT Summer Reading

Please sign and return to your student's current English teacher.

_____ My child and I have received notice of summer reading for **English I PreAP or English I PreAP/GT Summer Reading**.

In the Fall of 2016, my child will attend: (check one)

_____ Cinco Ranch High School

_____ Katy High School

_____ Mayde Creek High School

_____ Morton Ranch High School

_____ Taylor High School

_____ Tompkins High School

Parent Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____