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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are doing something a little different with our Summer Reading program this summer. Rather than require our students to complete a traditional summer reading assignment, all Hasbrouck Heights students, at all grade levels, will participate in an intensive reading and writing workshop when they return to school in September. We have explained our new program to your children during their English classes and have invited them to join our Google Classroom: ***Flight Plan 2021: Diverse Destinations***. (student join code: lwlhjhi) In this Google Classroom, students and their families can find information about the fall workshop; readings, artworks and videos we will be using during the workshop; as well as suggested titles for our optional/choice summer reading program.

Only AP and Honors English students at each grade level will be *required* to complete a summer reading assignment from our list of books. All other students will be encouraged to read a book from this list, but it will NOT be required. For those students who choose to read a book from our list this summer, there will be extra credit available in the fall. We are also excited to announce that we will be having an all-school poster contest related to these summer reading choices. Guidelines and prizes will be announced on the Google Classroom in the weeks ahead.

During our September workshop, students will be reading and responding to a number of fiction and non-fiction works, art works and videos, all chosen for their rich and diverse themes. The workshop will culminate in an intensive writing workshop, in which your children will read a number of non-fiction articles/essays and will write a formal persuasive/argumentative essay. We recognize that strong writing skills empower our students in all of their classes and our hope is that if we start the year with an emphasis on formal writing instruction and meaningful feedback, our students will start the year with confidence in their writing skills, which will translate to success in all areas.

If you have specific questions about the program or the requirements for your child, please reach out to one of our summer reading coordinators:

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Have a healthy and happy summer!

Sincerely,

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