Dear Student,

Congratulations on your decision to enter English II Honors next year! We are really excited about the ideas you are going to encounter as we explore powerful works of fiction belonging to our literary heritage. This summer you have a wonderful opportunity to experience the adventures and to interact with the timeless characters of Harper Lee’s classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird.*

Assignment—Read the following by the first day of school:
- **Required text:** *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- Optional text: In addition to *To Kill a Mockingbird,* we encourage you to choose another book from the Sophomore-Senior summer reading list. This book is not required.

Assessments (completed after the start of school):
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* reading-check test during the first week of class. You will need to study for this by knowing the characters and plot in detail. If you read the novel early in the summer, be sure to review it before school starts. You will not be able to use notes on the test.
- **Writing Assessments:** To be assigned by your teacher at the start of school.

We are confident that you will accept the responsibility of allotting time for the reading and preparing to share your reactions, impressions, and questions about *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the beginning of the first semester. We will refer to *Mockingbird* in class throughout the year during our discussions. As you read, pay careful attention to developing themes and their relationships to characterization. Annotate and take notes as needed. Each teacher will devote time at the beginning of the school year to allow for introspection of the text. **You will be assessed on your comprehension and ability to analyze the text when you return from the summer.**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* and the optional novels are available at local bookstores, at public libraries, and online in Sora. Be sure to follow through! You may contact us with questions via email if the need arises.

We look forward to seeing you refreshed, well-read, and ready to go in August!

Sincerely,

The English 2H Teachers