Dear English 1 Honors Student and Guardians,

Welcome to the English Honors program at Glenbard East. We pride ourselves on creating a community of writers and readers and look forward to your contributions to that end. One important facet of that literary community is growing your personal reading base this summer. **We want you to read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck and an additional title from the freshman reading list which includes a range of interests and genres.**

No formal written response is required before school begins; however, beginning-of-the-year activities will center around these books, so you might find it beneficial to take post-it notes or make margin comments as you read. When you meet your English teacher in August assignments will be given to you centering on your summer reading books. You will be expected to discuss the book and perhaps complete a project, or make an oral presentation. **Know that you will be held accountable for reading both *Of Mice and Men* and a book from the list.** It is ideal if you could bring the book to class with you on the first day of school. If you have borrowed from the library please bring any extensive notes you may have taken.

It is important for families to read and discuss together, so we encourage guardians to read these books as well. All community libraries have been informed of our summer reading program. These books are available through Amazon.com, or any other on-line bookstore as well. Additionally, all summer reading information is posted for students on the Glenbard East website under the Summer Reading link.

We look forward to meeting you in August. In the meantime, enjoy the rays and a great read!

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

The English 1H Teachers