Hello Future Jaguar,

We look forward to having you as a student at FM9 and in PreAP English I. In preparation for the 2016-17 school year, you are required to complete a summer reading assignment. This year the assignment includes reading a novel of your choice and being prepared to apply that novel using the book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids* by Thomas C. Foster.

The primary goal is for students to enjoy reading this summer. Please read the directions and contact us with any questions. We hope that you have a safe, restful summer and that reading is a part of this summer’s enjoyment.

Sincerely,
Wendi Baker
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**Instructions:**

1. Purchase the book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids* by Thomas C. Foster

   (Available at Barnes & Noble or Amazon)

2. Choose a novel to read using the following guidelines:
   - Fiction novel
   - Minimum of 300 pages
   - Cannot have been read/taught in middle school
   - Cannot be a book that has been made into a film/movie
   - Cannot be a photo/graphic/picture book
   - Cannot be from the Percy Jackson/Rick Riordan series or similar reading level
   - Must have parents’ permission to read the novel

3. Bring both books on the first day of class 😊

4. Email Mrs. Baker if you have any questions about this assignment or the book you wish to read. (bakerw@lisd.net)

* This summer reading assignment will apply to all students regardless of GT distinctions.

*Both books must be read by the first day of school, August 22, 2016. Students should expect an assessment during the first two weeks of class over the novel. Students who begin class in January will test in January.*

**WARNING:** Do not procrastinate completing this assignment based on what your schedule indicates. Students who experience a schedule change from a spring class to a fall class will not receive extended
Students who are enrolled in a HUMANITIES* course should also purchase the following novel and read part one by the first day of school. This will be our first unit of study following the summer reading assessment.

*A humanities student is one who is enrolled in either PreAP English I with PreAP Geography  OR  PreAP English I with AP Human Geography

• **Outcasts United** by Warren St. John *(not adapted version)*
  Paperback: 320 pages
  Publisher: Spiegel & Grau; 11.1.2009 edition (December 1, 2009)
  Language: English
  ISBN-10: 0385522045

*Two versions of this book are available. Please purchase this version.*

Clarkston, Georgia, was a typical Southern town until it was designated a refugee settlement center in the 1990s, becoming the first American home for scores of families in flight from the world’s war zones—from Liberia and Sudan to Iraq and Afghanistan. Suddenly Clarkston’s streets were filled with women wearing the hijab, the smells of cumin and curry, and kids of all colors playing soccer in any open space they could find. The town also became home to Luma Mufleh, an American-educated Jordanian woman who founded a youth soccer team to unify Clarkston’s refugee children and keep them off the streets. These kids named themselves the Fugees.

*In the event that a student requests an alternate assignment, one will be provided from the LISD approved reading list.*