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Dear Student and Parent or Guardian:

We hope you will enjoy a summer filled with family, relaxation, and some learning. To that end, and to encourage your academic excellence in the future, Sunnyslope High School students have the opportunity to practice their reading skills throughout the summer. You can earn extra credit for your English class by reading and enjoying a good book – or two – and completing an assignment that shows your thinking. Below you will find directions to print the optional assignment for any of the books on the following list:

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (realistic fiction, grade 8 and up)
One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus (mystery/thriller, grade 9 and up)
Scythe by Neal Shusterman (science fiction, grade 8 and up)
The Epic Crush of Genie Lo by F.C. Yee (fiction, grade 7 and up)
P.S. I Like You by Kasie West (romance, grade 7 - 10)
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (classic fiction, adult/high school)
The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater (nonfiction, grade 6 and up)

Should you wish to complete this optional assignment, you will be eligible for extra credit points in your English class.

Research clearly demonstrates that students who read outside of school settings more quickly develop critical thinking abilities, expand their vocabularies, and become better writers – all skills that will help you find great success in high school. Students who remain academically engaged through summer reading also maintain a higher learning level, not needing as much time in the fall to “catch up” with the high school routine of reading and completing homework.

Examine the book list, and review the questions that you will address when school begins as part of the optional assignment. The questions are available on our school website under Academics > Summer Assignments. You may check the book out from the public library, download a copy from the public library from OverDrive, or purchase a copy. Your English teacher will have specific instructions for you when high school begins on **August 6, 2018**.

Enjoy your summer – and enjoy these good books!

Sincerely,

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