Dear Rising Juniors,

We are delighted you have elected to pursue the IB program in English, and we look forward to spending a challenging year exploring humanity and the world through the written and spoken word.

For your summer reading, read and enjoy

- *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, by Gabrielle Zevin
- *Reading Like a Writer*, by Francine Prose

If you are using a library book, use sticky notes to make annotations. You will need a copy of the texts to use in class in the fall.

While you are not required to do so, we encourage you to participate in the Rams Read school-wide initiative. We will be reading *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka.

We hope that you have a restful and safe summer, and we look forward to beginning the English IB program with you.

Sincerely,
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For your planning purposes, we will be studying *A Streetcar Named Desire*, selected American poetry (no specific text required) paired with classic American choice novels (titles TBD), and *The Woman Warrior* during first semester. Second semester is a study of works in translation. Titles for the second semester will be shared in the fall.