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Dear 11th grade CP students,

We so excited to teach you this fall! To prepare for an exciting and productive school year in English, over the summer, each of you will be required to read **one book**. When we return in the fall, there will be a unit, quiz, and writing assignment on the novel. Notes are recommended, but not required, to prepare for these assessments.

You can choose to read either *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote or *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Jason DiGioia (jdigioia@denverjds.org) or Barbara Silberman (bsilberman@denverjds.org). Have a wonderful summer!

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In Cold Blood: Truman Capote

A non-fiction novel by American author Truman Capote, first published in 1966; it details the 1959 murders of four members of the Herbert Clutter family in the small farming community of Holcomb, Kansas.

The Kite Runner: Khaled Hosseini

Amir is the son of a wealthy Kabul merchant, a member of the ruling caste of Pashtuns. Hassan, his servant and constant companion, is a Hazara, a despised and impoverished caste. Their uncommon bond is torn by Amir's choice to abandon his friend amidst the increasing ethnic, religious, and political tensions of the dying years of the Afghan monarchy, wrenching them far apart. But so strong is the bond between the two boys that Amir journeys back to a distant world, to try to right past wrongs against the only true friend he ever had.