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Dear Eighth grade students (and parents),

We are so excited to teach you (your children) 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 quiz and a writing assignment over your novel. Notes are recommended, but not required, to prepare for these assessments.

You are being asked to read The Life of Pi by Yann Martel. Below is a summary of the novel.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Matt Lauer (MLauer@DenverDJS.org). Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ms. Woods".

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The Life of Pi by Yann Martel

After deciding to sell their zoo in India and move to Canada, Santosh and Gita Patel board a freighter with their sons and a few remaining animals. Tragedy strikes when a terrible storm sinks the ship, leaving the Patels' teenage son, Pi, as the only human survivor. However, Pi is not alone; a fearsome Bengal tiger has also found refuge aboard the lifeboat. As days turn into weeks and weeks drag into months, Pi and the tiger must learn to trust each other if both are to survive.