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Dear 7th graders,

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Welcome to Crossroads College Prep! The teachers in the English department believe that reading enriches one's world. Without books, we are limited to the world of our own physical universe; with books, the world is open to us. Throughout the school year, we choose the course's books. One of the joys of summer, however, is the freedom to read books of your own choosing. We strongly advocate finding many books that interest you. Think of all the worlds you'll experience through these many books.

This summer we'd also like you to read *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. The protagonist's journey in this award-winning novel will serve to illuminate some of the other journeys we will study in class this year. While reading, please complete a chart like the one on the back of this letter (you'll make your own electronic chart, though). You may buy the book or check it out from a library; you will need to have the book in hand for the first two full weeks of school. Your written work is due on Monday, August 24 in class.

I look forward to meeting you and learning with you!

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TO-DO list for English:

1. Read a lot this summer. It will help you in many ways!
2. Read *One Crazy Summer* (bring it with you August 24)
3. Make and complete a chart (see back) (bring it with you August 24)
4. Decide if you wish to buy the books or get them from libraries during the year.
 - *Everyday Words from Classic Origins* (ISBN '978-0789156846). Purchase this workbook.
 - *Homegoing*, Y. Gyasi (ISBN 978-1101971062) Recommend purchasing this title as it is used in 8th grade too.
 - *The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton (ISBN 978-0140385724)
 - *Night Diary*, V. Hiranandani (ISBN '978-0735228511)
 - *Samurai's Garden*, G. Tsukiyama (ISBN '978-0312144074)
 - *Lord of the Flies*, W. Golding (ISBN 978-0399501487)
 - *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shakespeare (ISBN '978-0743477543)

Please do not use this physical piece of paper for your chart; please make a chart on paper or on a computer that is spacious enough for your deep and thorough ideas.

Delphine	Quotations that prove the adjective is true	Analysis of quotations
1st adjective to describe Delphine Responsible	“Still, I anchored myself and my sisters best as I could to brace us for whatever came next” (1).	On the airplane to California, Delphine vows to provide support and stability to herself and her sisters on their journey to see their mother who abandoned them years earlier. This action is one way in which she is responsible.
2nd adjective to describe Delphine		
3rd adjective to describe Delphine		
4th adjective to describe Delphine		
Cecile	Quotations	Analysis of quotations
1st adjective to describe Cecile		
2nd adjective to describe Cecile		
3rd adjective to describe Cecile		
<i>A Character you Choose</i>	Quotations	Analysis of quotations
1st adjective to describe character		
2nd adjective to describe character		
3rd adjective to describe character		

