Required Summer Reading and the “Choice” Book

Over the summer, all US students will read one required book and one book of their choosing. The King Staff and Faculty have put forward a number of book recommendations. We encourage students to review this list of “Good Reads,” when considering a choice book. While you do not need to choose a book from this list, we hope that it will inspire you. This list, along with the list of required texts, will be available online.

The books below have been carefully selected by the English Department. Each book speaks to the thematic purpose of the respective course and is intended to introduce students to the ideas and structures that will be reinforced in the fall and throughout the year. King will provide all required reading books; families will need to borrow or purchase choice books.

In the first few days of the 2018 - 2019 school year, students should expect to write an essay in response to their required text. Each classroom teacher will provide specific instruction. In addition to kicking off the curriculum, the written assessment acts as a benchmark and allows the teachers to evaluate students’ analytical writing and critical thinking skills.

Entering Grade 9
• Required: *I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, by Erika Sanchez

Entering Grade 10
• Required 201: *Mrs. Caliban* by Rachel Ingalls
• Required 200: *The Penelopiad*, by Margaret Atwood

Entering Grade 11
• Required 301 & 350: *Educated* by Tara Westover

Entering Grade 12

English 520 (AP Language)
• Required: *Alone Together* by Sherry Turkle

English 500 (AP Literature)
• Required: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Senior Electives

Family Function and Dysfunction
• Required: *Educated* by Tara Westover

Boats Against the Current: How Time Affects Us and Our Friends
• Required: *So Long, See You Tomorrow* by William Maxwell

The Politics of Fear
• Required: *Rosemary’s Baby* by Ira Levin

The Power of Expression: Understanding, Appreciating, and Creating Poetry
• Required: *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson