Dear Students:

ALL incoming 9th grade on-level ELA students are required to read the following novel over the summer. Evaluation of your reading will take place the first week of the course.

You can find this book at places like:
1. Borders
2. Barnes & Noble
3. Amazon.com
4. Half Price Books
5. Local Library

Feed by M. T. Anderson. “The novel focuses on issues such as corporate power, consumerism, information technology, data mining, and environmental decay, with a sometimes sardonic, sometimes somber tone. From the first-person perspective of a teenager, the novel presents a near-futuristic American culture completely dominated by advertising and corporate exploitation, corresponding to the enormous popularity of internetworking brain implants.”

Submission Deadline

- You will submit your summer assignment the first week in August of 2016.
- This assignment will count as a grade for the 1st six weeks.
1. **Dialectical Journals - YOU MUST WRITE 20 ENTRIES.** Dialectical journals are journals in which the reader records a mental conversation with the text. *(SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE)*

You can use these journals to:

- Summarize and question
- Pose questions
- Read closely for details, images, diction, etc.
- Notice patterns
- Write analysis and make connections
- Connect method to purpose, effect, and meaning
- Make choices about evidence
- Document quotes
- Make inferences about characters, symbols, etc.

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**WARNING: Do not wait until the last minute. This reading is for your own good. We expect you to do your own work. Plagiarism will result in an automatic “0”.

Have a safe summer,

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