Dear 8th Grader:

Attached is the summer reading assignment for 8th grade.

The Giver
Lois Lowry

Good-Bye Mr. Chips
James Hilton

The assignment for Good-Bye Mr. Chips is described below. The attached assignment for The Giver is to be typed as well using 12 pt. font and double-spaced. Attach the answers to the question sheet. Both assignments are due in class on Thursday, September 5th. There are no exceptions to this date.

Please note that the 8th grade will be begin their literature study with the novel The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. Students are required to bring the book to class on Friday, September 6th. Students are not required to read the book during the summer holiday.

I can be contacted by e-mail at isolledersmes@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding the assignments.

I wish you good reading and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Good - Bye Mr. Chips

The novel, Good - Bye Mr. Chips, has been a reading list favorite for over 70 years. It details the academic career of a British teacher at an all-boys prep school. It may take you awhile to get used to the English vocabulary, but I am confident you will enjoy the story.

There are 18 chapters in this book. Each one covers an event or remembrance from Mr. Chips’ personal, academic or professional life. Your assignment is to prepare a Mr. Chips diary. The diary will contain 18 entries - one entry for each chapter. The entry will be a summary of that special event or remembrance that Mr. Chips highlights in each chapter. Your diary entry should be one or two paragraphs long. You can format your assignment like a diary, using a specific date if one is mentioned in the chapter. Pretend you are standing in Mr. Chips’ shoes and recording his life for posterity.

The diary must be typed, using Times New Roman font, 12 pt. type. It must be double-spaced and have a cover of your own design. You can illustrate the entries, but it is not required. Be sure to proofread the diary, since spelling and grammar count as much as content.