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Hello Parents,

What We Are Learning

This week we will be doing our introduction to our first novel study, *Downsiders* by Neal Shusterman. I am so excited to start reading this book next week but this week we will get a little background knowledge about the setting of New York City.

If you would like a nice short summary on the book, Goodreads and Looking Glass Review do a good job:

Goodreads: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/639754.Downsiders>

Looking Glass Review: <http://lookingglassreview.com/books/downsiders/>

If you want to know exactly what happens in the book, Wikipedia has a pretty accurate summary: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downsiders>

This video gives a nice little teaser for the book:

<http://www.60secondrecap.com/reviews/downsiders/>

They will also continue learning about answering questions in ICE format (Introduce, Cite, Explain), in which the students will have to back their answers up with evidence.

Distance Learning

It is now required for each distance learning student to log on at 8:40am to Zoom for a live stream of our lesson. They will do this each day Monday-Thursday. If they are needing more help they can set up a time to meet me with me on Zoom one-on-one.

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