

11th Grade College Bound Summer Reading

"I've never let my school interfere with my education." -Mark Twain

This quote reminds us that education does not stop at the end of the school year. Summer is a time to reflect on the past year and recharge our batteries for the next. It is not a time to forget that there are wonderful opportunities to keep learning. It is a time to relax with a good book, see a play or visit a museum. Whatever you do this summer, remember to keep reading. Read something every day!

All incoming college bound juniors are required to read *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom. Students are encouraged to take notes on the book during the break, as the themes present will be explored throughout the curriculum next year. Themes covered in the book will be used in our study of American Literature at the beginning of the year, so be sure to have the book completed for the first day of school. We will review the novel and discuss the themes present throughout the story.

REQUIRED

For One More Day by Mitch Albom: This is the story of Charley, a child of divorce who is always forced to choose between his mother and his father. He grows into a man and starts a family of his own. But one fateful weekend, he leaves his mother to secretly be with his father and she dies while he is gone. This haunts him for years. It unravels his own young family. It leads him to depression and drunkenness. One night, he decides to take his life. But somewhere between this world and the next, he encounters his mother again, in their hometown, and gets to spend one last day with her, the day he missed and always wished he had. He asks the questions many of us yearn to ask, the questions we never ask while our parents are alive. By the end of this magical day, Charley discovers how little he really knew about his mother, the secret of how her love saved their family, and how deeply he wants the second chance to save his own.