Greetings families,

I hope you are having a great start to 2019. This is our quarterly newsletter for 7th Grade Language Arts!

Updates:

1. We have recently started “Interactive Notebooks” and our scholars are doing a terrific job with staying organized! I conduct weekly notebook checks and students are building experience with creating their own portfolio of work. I am very proud of their dedication.
2. I have began posting “Weekly Blog Updates” on my classroom website **westendkelleher.weebly.com** These updates included assigned homework (one assignment a week now) and a PowerPoint for anyone who is absent.
3. Students were given a “remind.com” invitation and instructed to take them home to show their families. If you didn’t get one, and you would like updates on upcoming deadlines or curriculum adjustments, please sign on at <https://www.remind.com/join/westendla> or email me at [kakelleher@mnps.org](mailto:kakelleher@mnps.org)
4. NOVEL REQUEST: We are starting an amazing IB unit on globalization and sustainability and our first novel of 2019 is *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell. I am hoping to start it on February 4th, so please order it (so that students may be able to have their own copy to take home). If you are not able to order it, or borrow it from the library, feel free to send me a note. I will make sure your scholar receives a copy.
5. To confirm that you have received the information above, please return the form below

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I have received all the information about remind, *Animal Farm*, the class website (westendkelleher.weebly.com), and interactive notebooks.

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