



To: All Rising IB English 1 Students
From: Mr. Miller, Mr. Laffey, Ms. Jensen, and Ms. Brown
Date: June 8, 2009
Re: Summer Reading for IB English 1

Dear Students,

As is the policy of Fairfax County Public Schools, all students are to read one book over the summer. As you will be taking IB English 1 in the fall, we have selected Isabel Allende's novel, *The House of the Spirits*, for you to read this summer. Please complete all reading and annotating of this book *before* you return to Edison in September. In addition to the assignment below, you will be assessed on an in-class assignment that you will receive during the first week of school, varying depending on teacher. These assignments could range from an oral presentation, journal assignment or an in-class essay. Please email one of the teachers should you have any questions.

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Summer Reading Book for Rising IB English 1 Students: *House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende

In addition to reading a selected novel from the list above, each student is expected to have the following assignment completed upon the first day of school in September. This will be your first graded assignment of the year.

Annotation Assignment. Annotate (highlight/underline, write notes in the margins) your text in its entirety. Things to consider while annotating:

- Literary Devices
- Meaningful language
- Recurring themes/motifs
- Overarching or specific questions
- Personal reactions