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Hello Parents,

We will begin reading Golding's, *Lord of the Flies*, within the next two weeks. I am encouraging students to obtain their own copy of the novel. **This is not mandatory**; I have copies of the book for students to borrow (a book contract will come home separately). I believe that being able to underline, highlight, ask questions, and take notes in the book as they are reading leads to greater engagement with the text. This engagement helps comprehension and synthesis of what the students are reading.

The ISBN of the edition we're using is 0-399-50148-7, the cover should look like the image below. It is important that you try to get the same edition as we will be referring to the book often in class and it works best if everyone is, literally, on the same page. I've done a little research and have found that you can buy a used copy online for under \$5.00 (including shipping). These websites have cheap copies for sale:

- www.half.com (\$0.75+shipping)
- www.amazon.com (\$1.99+shipping)
- www.barnesandnoble.com (\$1.99+shipping)

Thank you for your continued interest in your child's education,

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