## <<Date>>

## Dear Parents,

In our upcoming <<Name of Unit>> unit, students will explore the idea of <<teacher input>>. We will begin this unit on <<date>>. This unit supports the following standards:

## <<standards>>

During the unit, student will have an opportunity to demonstrate their new learning in the skills of <<teacher input>>. Specifically, students will:

<<teacher input>>

Our anchor text for Unit <<teacher input>> will be the novel <<*title of novel>>* by <<name of author>>. <<*Title>>* is <<summary, reviews, awards, etc,>> The novel also contains the following sensitive issues <<teacher input>>. Throughout the unit, discussion and research are promoted as ways to deepen understanding and analysis of texts.

As always, students along with their parents have the right to request an alternate selection for independent study if a novel assigned is not considered acceptable by the family for the student to read. The teacher, parent and student will be responsible for selecting an appropriate alternative together in a timely manner. The teacher must agree that the alternate meets the objectives being taught by the original novel. The assignment that directs the study of the novel will be given by the teacher. Whenever possible, the student will remain in the classroom. The student may also work in the Media Center during times that the class novel will be discussed. The teacher and the student will identify an agreed upon time to discuss the alternate novel as well as work on appropriate assignments.

Sincerely,

<<teacher name and contact information>>