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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is a member of my English class for the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little about how my class is structured.

This is my fourth year in this building, and I look forward to another wonderful year here. I want you to feel comfortable coming to our classroom whenever you want. If you haven't already done so, please establish your ParentConnect connection. This will enable you to look at your child's grades and attendance in my class whenever you want. Please feel free to contact me, too. The best (and fastest) way to reach me is through my district email (vicki.carbone@rcsdk12.org) I check it often and will respond as soon as I have free time. If you contact me before 3:00, I will make it a point to respond before I leave for the day.

Your student is absolutely in charge of his grade. He/she can choose to complete the necessary assignments for an "A" grade every marking period. Obviously, assignments will vary by marking period. However, some things will be constant in every marking period. Reading is vital; your student will have regular reading assignments along with Literacy Fridays, when your child will be expected to read and respond to literature of his/her choice. Your student will be expected to bring his/her binder, pens, paper, and an agenda or other organizer to write down important dates. Your student will also be expected to have a Reader's and Writer's Response Journal (composition book). The degree to which your student is prepared for class will be graded and will be part of his/her average in my class.

On occasion, your student will have written homework. Please remember that homework is an opportunity to practice an important skill. I won't assign busy work; homework must be done when it's assigned in order to practice these important skills and/or be prepared for assessments.

I look forward to a rewarding and productive year with your student and hope to meet you at our Open House.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carbone