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Dear Parent,

Hello! How are you? I hope that you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer vacation! I would like to take this time to give you general overview of your son/daughter's seventh grade English class. As you know, seventh grade is critical transition in your child's life. Please know that I am understanding to their needs and I promise to do my best to help your child reach their highest potential. I feel that your child will find my class to be interesting, and a positive experience. I am so excited to be working with our enthusiastic new students. This year will be filled with fun and success!

My goal is to have your child understand and enjoy the Langue Arts through a variety of literature and creative writing. During our year together, we will be reading many forms of literature: short stories, poetry, plays, novels, fables, and mythology. Your child will also have the opportunity to express their inner creativity, thoughts, and feelings throughout various writing assignments. Your child's writing and composition skills will flourish throughout the year! The class will exercise these skills by participating in the following assignments: daily learning logs, letter writing, narrative, creative writing, descriptive, persuasive and expository composition. Along with enhancing reading and writing skills, your student will also learn grammar, organization and library skills. My top priority for your child is that he/she complete this year as a positive, imaginative, independent thinker. Also, my main focus is to provide your child with useful skills they can use throughout their life.

I have provided your child with a copy of the student contract. In the contract, I have stated my classroom rules, procedures, and my expectations of each student. Please take the time to read over the contract with your child. It is important that your child is aware of the rules and procedures of my classroom. Your child deserves to conduct their education in a safe and positive learning environment. The understanding of this contract will help maintain such a structured classroom. I feel that my expectations are higher but fair. Again, I would like to see your child reach their highest potential. If you have any questions, please contact me at 472-9944or mareilly@mpsaz.org

Thank you for being a caring parent that values education. I hope to meet you in the near future. Check your child's planner for "Parent –Teacher Night" and other school related events!

Sincerely,

Margaret Reilly