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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Englewood Middle School! It is going to be a fantastic year. My name is Megan Alek, and I am thrilled to be your child's 7th grade language arts teacher. I have taught middle school language arts in Englewood for 18 years, and I truly enjoy the excitement that comes with teaching. I can't wait to begin another year, so let's get started!

Language arts will be a very busy class because we have many essential learning targets to cover. We will practice and perfect our reading comprehension skills through a variety of genres such as non-fiction, short stories, novels, and poems. Students will read, discuss, question, and dissect all these excellent sources of literature. It is my goal to develop a "love of literature" in every student. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes every night. The more practice your child has reading, the more he/she will improve!

We will also be practicing our writing skills in the language arts class. Your student will be learning and working with the writing process. Through the writing process, every student will practice writing a variety of styles such as expository, descriptive, argumentative, and poetry. Students will edit their writing together and share their pieces with the class. I always encourage parents to read their child's writing and help with spelling and proofreading whenever possible.

Thank you in advance for making this a great year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am usually available before school to meet with you and your child. Feel free to call or email me throughout the year as questions arise. I'm looking forward to a great, successful school year!

Sincerely,

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