



Welcome to English I,

Mrs. Downs and Mr. Sciarabba would like to prepare you for next year's English class. Below are some important points that you should know before school begins next fall.

A. Summer reading

1. As an English I student, you will read *The Hobbit* and *Bless the Beasts and Children* for your summer reading assignment. Copies of these books will be available at local bookstores.
2. In each book, please mark one area that you find to be thought-provoking. These passages may be as long as several paragraphs or as limited as a simple quote. You will share these with the class when school begins.
3. While you will not have a written response to complete during the summer to hand in, you will take an objective test on both books the first week of school.
4. Our discussions and assignments pertaining to the books will include, but not be limited to, the following questions:
  - a) What makes the characters unique?
  - b) Both of these books can be considered a quest. What are the characters searching for? What obstacles stand in the way of the characters? Do they achieve their goals?
  - c) What makes the main characters change? Is the change voluntary?
  - d) How does the author use setting to develop mood and theme?

B. Required reading during the school year.

1. *Romeo and Juliet* – This is in the literature book.
2. *Warriors Don't Cry* – Copies are available.
3. *The Odyssey* - This is in the literature book.
4. *Lord of the Flies* – Copies are available.

Mrs. Downs and Mr. Sciarabba are looking forward to seeing you in their classes next fall.

Enjoy your summer.