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Dear Students:

Greetings! Welcome you to English 3 Honors for the 2019-2020 school year. This course is often seen as a bridge to AP Literature, SUPA, and ACE, which are course options with college credit available during senior year. Consequently, this course is more rigorous and will require you to read, analyze, and write across multiple genres: short stories, novels, poetry, essays, speeches, and excerpts from memoirs, biographies, and autobiographies.

Because this course is seen as a pre-AP class because of the rigorous expectations in these higher level classes, one of the course goals is for you to walk into a college-level classroom with a greater sense of mastery in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking. For the summer reading assignment, please read *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng and *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. You are required to read these two titles over the summer because of the intense nature of this course.

To demonstrate you have read the books, you will be required to create a word collage for both titles. The word collage should have at minimum fifty keywords that are critical to the characters, themes, conflicts, and overall plot of the novels. Please to come to class with the completed collages on the first day of school.

In September, you will be asked to demonstrate and apply your knowledge of both books. You will be expected to recall specific details from both texts in a formal reading assessment.

We look forward to meeting you in September

Sincerely,
Jessica Livingston
Patricia Melcher