

The Learning Choice Academy
September 2, 2014
Middle School English - First Week Assignment

Welcome to 8th-grade English! I am excited to be your teacher, and I am looking forward to an exciting and academically rewarding year.

During your first week of school, you will need to complete this packet and be prepared to submit it to me on our **first class meeting** on either **September 9 or 10** (depending on your site).

I can't wait to get to know you, and to begin discovering and enjoying great literature together!

Assignments:

1. Select a grade-appropriate novel that interests you. Please use the attached suggested reading list if you need help deciding.
2. Write one paragraph listing the title and author of your book, and providing your rationale for selecting your book. What motivated you to select this specific book?
3. Complete your "Getting to Know You" essay.
4. Read the short story provided in the packet ("August 2026: There Will Come Soft Rains" by Ray Bradbury) and complete the response questions.
5. Choose 10 vocabulary words with definitions and include them in your notebook.
6. Review class syllabus/course outline, and bring all required materials to the first class.

Required Materials:

- 1 1/2 inch binder
- loose leaf notebook paper (please do not use perforated paper that you have to tear out)
- dividers
- pencils and pens
- highlighter
- your self-selected novel
- a good attitude (or not-so-good, but at least a willingness to learn)

Happy Learning!

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So, please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install, a lovely bookcase on the wall. — Roald Dahl