Welcome to 7th grade English Language Arts. Go to my webpage to find out more about our class and to see the FAQs about the summer work. I will be checking my email throughout the summer, so feel free to email me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in August.

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Make sure that you are well-prepared for the school year by completing the following tasks:

**Gather Supplies**
- General classroom supplies: 1-inch (or larger) binder, notebook paper, pencils, and pens,
- Five tab dividers (We will definitely use five, but you might want more for your own use.)
- Earbuds
- Optional: One small pack of sticky notes (These are used for making annotations in our books.)

You will need to replenish your supplies throughout the year. Different supplies might be needed for projects. I will let you know ahead of time when extra supplies are needed. Some examples of the extra supplies are poster board, markers, and construction paper.

**Summer Work**
Read the novel *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis. The common knowledge we will have of this book will be a good foundation as we start our year together.

Complete the activities from the list below to demonstrate your knowledge of the novel. Make sure that your full name is on all three pieces of work.

1. As you are reading the novel, write twenty-five annotations. Make sure your annotations are numbered and written as complete sentences. **Very Important:** See “Annotation Template” on my summer work webpage. This will give you more complete instructions.
2. Handwrite or type a two-page letter to one of the characters about your thoughts and feelings after completing the book. Be sure to include details from the story to support your thoughts and feelings.
3. Create a timeline of the ten most important events that took place in the novel. The events should be listed in chronological order. Each event should be explained using at least three sentences with an image or picture to describe each event. Make this large enough to post in the classroom.

Please **look on my webpage** to see FAQs and other information about this project. Your summer work will be collected by Thursday, August 8th and will be counted as a project grade.