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Dear Students and Parents,

The Real World awaits you! This is your personal welcome. To find your way, journey down the language arts hallway, and inside you will meet me, Mrs. Loughrige, who will greet you with smiles (on most days) and enthusiasm!

Since many of you are new to me this year, you'd probably feel more comfortable knowing a little about me. I attended Capital University, and received my master's degree in education through Marygrove College. Many of your brothers or sisters might have had me in the past for class (and for that matter, many of you might have had me last year)!

Believe it or not, even before I went to Capital I wanted to be a teacher. As a matter of fact, I decided back in first grade. Along the way I thought about other professions: nurse, or a musician. But, after observing my first Jr. High classroom, I knew I'd chosen the right job for me!

This year in language arts we will be learning and sharing a lot of new information. Our curriculum covers a variety of topics including spelling, grammar, reading, writing, and vocabulary. I do not expect perfection out of my students, but I do expect effort. Due to the amount of material we have to teach, there will be weekly tests and quizzes given. I expect that everyone take the time to study for language arts a little every night. We will have some time set apart for silent reading and this is a time to get into and enjoy new novels!

For the most part I'd say you'll have fun in our class while learning just as much. I try to allow you to have many choices about your reading and writing as can be allowed. Everything seems more interesting when you make your own decisions, especially when you are in seventh grade. I expect a lot out of my students academically but no more than I give. Most people find that I am easy to talk with about anything: school, friends, family, activities; so don't hesitate if you need an ear or some advice.

Although my career at McDowell Exchange is a major part of my life, it doesn't stop here. The rest of my world is my family. My husband and I spend time with our brothers and sisters, our two cats, Chi and Samson, and our dog, Madeline.

If you are still wondering about me, PLEASE feel free to ask me any other questions. Plus, we will learn lots more as the year progresses.

Enjoy the Year,

Mrs. Loughrige