Dear Parents and/or Guardians, August 30, 2018

Welcome to Tenth Grade Language Arts! This is going to be a very exciting year for your child as he/she continues with his/her high school career. One of the most effective ways to prepare him/her for the future is to make reading a daily part of his/her life.

Your student will read every day in Language Arts class for 10-15 minutes. Please take a moment and read over the “SSR+ All You Ever Wanted to Know” sheet that came home today to familiarize yourself with the procedures and assignments connected to this very important part of our classroom.

In addition, **your student will have 20 minutes of SSR for homework every day.** It is imperative that he/she completes *at least* this much outside reading in order to fulfill the two book minimum required each card marking.

Research shows that the most successful students have a strong connection between home and school. Ensuring that your student completes 20 minutes of reading each day is one way to foster that bond.

One of the best ways that we can ensure that students become lifelong readers is to allow them the freedom to choose books that interest them. Because I fully subscribe to this philosophy, I do not ban or censor books in my classroom. Tenth grade students are mature enough to understand the parental expectations that you have put in place for them, and to make decisions accordingly. By signing this letter, you acknowledge that books will not be banned or censored in my classroom and your child will be allowed to choose the books he/she reads.

Please sign below to indicate that you have read this contract. I thank you in advance for your support of the SSR+ program in my classroom. Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns at abdelsm@dearbornschools.org. You may also visit my blog at any time. You will find all handouts and information posted there as well.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with you and your child this year,

Ms Abdelsalam

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