Dear Student,

Hello, my name is Mr. McFarland, and I am going to be your Honors English and Language Arts teacher next year. You have been selected due to one of the following criteria: application, writing sample, teacher recommendation, test scores, or reading level. I am so excited for the coming year!

In order to get a jump on next year’s reading, I ask that you do a little bit of required reading along with your personal reading. Please stop by the main office at Mt. Nebo Jr. High (851 W 450 S Payson) during summer hours (9 am to 3 pm weekdays) and pick up a copy of *A Long Way from Chicago*. You will also find a link to a website about the great depression and list of project ideas. First, please check out the website and summarize at least 10 things that you learned. Then you will read *A Long Way from Chicago* and choose from the list of projects. Please have your project ready by the end of the first week of school.

I would also like to tell you about our reading program we will be using at Mt. Nebo next year. If you are not already familiar with the Accelerated Reader (AR) program, please go to [www.renlearn.com/ar/](http://www.renlearn.com/ar/) to find out more about it. However, if you just want to dive right into and start earning points, check out [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to find out how many points all of those books you are reading this summer are worth. I will be holding a class contest to see who has read the most points over the summer. Have fun!

I’m looking forward to working with you next year. We are going to learn much and have a lot of fun. If you have questions about the assignment or need to contact me for anything else, please use my school email: [scott.mcfarland@nebo.edu](mailto:scott.mcfarland@nebo.edu). Enjoy your summer!

Mr. McFarland