

In a Million Words, or less, Tell me about your Scholar

A few years ago, I tried this wonderful idea for the beginning of the school year that has proven to be very popular and successful with teachers of grades 7 and 8. I, too, found it to be quite successful and received some very positive feedback from both parents and students. The activity is one that **the parents of the students complete** called In a Million Words or Less.... The reason behind this activity is that it takes us a great deal of time to know your child. This activity gives you a chance to tell me what you think I should know about your scholar. I will read every one of them. I will not share your comments with any other person, unless you tell me in your message that I can.

Your scholar is in for a great experience in English this year. The curriculum is rigorous, but very doable. My expectations are that each student will achieve success through hard work and consistently applying themselves fully to all aspects of the class.

This should be a very exciting and busy year. The key is communication. You will know everything your scholar is doing through my website, which can be accessed at :<http://mrgouldsenglishclass.weebly.com/> This page will provide you with outlines of the work we are involved in as well as links to various websites that connect with the different topics we will be covering throughout the year. The content on the site will be changing as we move through the year, so remember to check it regularly to help stay up to date. The best way to get in touch with me is through email at one of the following addresses: (I check both regularly each weekday.) randy.gould@tdsb.on.ca or mrgouldmrgould@gmail.com .

I would like you to take your time with this, but there must be a deadline. Please get *In a Million Words or Less* . . . to me no later than Friday, September 19th. You can either send it with your scholar or e-mail it to me.

Thank you for taking the time to do this. I hope that this will be the beginning of a successful partnership between myself, you as parents, and of course, your scholars.

Sincerely,

Randy Gould