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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm so very thrilled to have the opportunity to teach your student! I'm writing to inform you of a new teaching method I'll be using in all of my classes this year. The flipped classroom is defined as "a classroom that uses videos as instructional tools to help time-shift the instruction of concepts so students receive the most support (teacher and classmate presence) when they are working on the heaviest cognitive load (actually solving problems and working on understanding/using the content by themselves)."

So, what does this really mean? Simply put, time in class will be spent working on the more difficult problems with teacher assistance while time at home will be for listening, watching videos, and taking notes. While the student will still have homework, the nature of the homework will change. The "traditional" homework (the more difficult application of learned concepts) will be worked on in class where I'm there to help, guide, and reteach. Overall, the work is the same, the change is in the location of where the phases of learning take place.

I am confident this method will improve your student's understanding of the topics we teach in history, as well as, improve their ability to apply the concepts to advanced level assignments and projects. This method will also dramatically increase the amount of time I spend with students and allow for more one-on-one teaching opportunities. The technical nature of this method will also allow you to follow your student and monitor their progress through the various online applications we'll manage as a class.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. If you would like speak over the phone, just email me your best contact number and I will get back to you ASAP.

Additional information on my class and the flipped classroom method can be found at [www.mrsgoad.weebly.com](http://www.mrsgoad.weebly.com).

Sincerely,

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