**Now that you have read my introduction letter to you, here is your first assignment…**

Write a letter to me introducing yourself. Please follow the format of the letter I wrote to you. Your letter will have a heading (place and date in upper right corner), a salutation (or greeting), body, complimentary closing, and a signature. The body of your letter should have four paragraphs organized in the following way.

THESE ARE JUST GUIDELINES – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER EVERY SINGLE QUESTION I POSE HERE! Also, of course you can give me whatever additional information you want. The bottom line is that I want to get to know you, and this is the first way you’re going to help me do so! (But it should be approximately the same length – at least one page. One paragraph isn’t going to cut it!)

Guidelines for paragraphs…

Paragraph 1:

Introduce yourself. Tell me your name and any basic facts I need to know about you. How old are you? What grade are you in? What are your hobbies? What are your favorite things to do?

Paragraph 2:

Give me some in-depth personal information. Please describe your family and your home life. Who do you live with? How many siblings do you have? Have you and/or your family lived in any other countries or cities? Do you speak any other languages than English? Do you have any pets? Do you work? If so, where and when? What obligations do you have in your life outside of school that I need to know about?

Paragraph 3:

Tell me about your experience in English classes in the past. Who have been your English teachers at Pebblebrook or at whatever school(s) you have been to (high school only). What has been your favorite class and why? What has been your least favorite and why? What are your strengths and weaknesses in English? What do you like to read? What do you like to write about?

Paragraph 4:

What are your expectations for this class? What do you need in a teacher? Do you have any hearing or vision problems that I need to consider when making up a seating chart? Do you have any specific learning needs about which I should be aware? What are your pet peeves? Are there any other details you would like me to know about you? What can I do to help you? The more self-aware you are, the easier it will be for me to assist you.

Again… these are just suggestions. I am looking for one page, if not more, but my biggest request is that you share with me anything I need to know in order to teach you best.

\*NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT FINISH IN THE TIME ALLOCATED IN CLASS TODAY, PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR LETTER FOR HOMEWORK TONIGHT. THIS IS YOUR FIRST GRADED ASSIGNMENT! (NARRATIVE WRITING)