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Dear Students,

This week, we are going to be doing a project that will help us all learn a bit more about each other. The project will consist of two parts. In Part One, you will be required to create a PowerPoint presentation. The subject matter shouldn't be too difficult to research, because the subject of the PowerPoint is YOU! The presentation must be at least one slide long, must follow the guidelines we've already discussed in the "10 Rules of PowerPoint" and must contain at least one original graphic you create yourself. Original graphics can be anything from original drawings to modified images of a picture you have. It's really up to you, just remember to keep it appropriate and about you. Because the purpose of this assignment is to get to know each other better, you will be required to present your PowerPoint in front of the class, and at the end of your presentation you will need to spend a maximum of one minute fielding questions from your classmates.

Part 2 of the project will consist of a poster you will create, from scratch, which will be printed (in color) and may be used as a sign for your door, so others may get a glimpse of who you are. The poster must contain your name (large enough to be seen from a distance) as well as the original graphic you created for your presentation. You are not limited to one original graphic, but you must have at least one.

You may be wondering why you've been assigned this project. The reason behind this particular project is two-fold. EHS is a very small, close-knit, community and since you are all new it is important that we learn as much about each other as possible. Turning strangers into friends is one way to help you adjust to your new environment. The second reason we are doing this project is because you need to continue to strengthen the PowerPoint, Paint/Draw, and Visual Language Skills we have been working on.

Since our class time is limited, and I need time to print out your posters, there will be no time during class to work on your project; therefore, you will need to have your poster and presentation completed before class begins. To insure this is done, I need for you to email me your completed presentation (saved as a .ppt) and your poster (saved as a .jpg), prior to the start of first period, the day of your class. In the body of the email, I need for you to describe to me which elements of your presentation and artwork are original creations. Please remember there needs to be at least one in both your presentation and your poster.

Remember, you do not have to be a great artist to do either part of this project. There is nothing wrong with a good stick figure, as long as it makes sense. I want you to have fun with this project and make it as much about you as possible, while incorporating all the things you learned so far. I know you can do it, and I can't wait for you to share with me just who you are.

Mrs. Peralta