Welcome to English 9H,
We are excited to have you join us for this academic adventure!
Your summer reading project includes reading the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and exploring and responding to the text via the attached assignments.

**Please do original work.** Remember, the purpose of literary analysis (or any academic work) is to increase your ability to think critically and broadly, analyze and synthesize ideas, and discover new ideas using your own brain. You won’t get any smarter or more capable of academic work by using other people’s ideas or words.

Our advice:
- Read over the assignments before you start reading the book in order to get a context for your understanding of the book.
- Consider marking pages with small sticky notes as you read, so you can easily find the quote or symbol or idea you are looking for when you do the written assignments. A benefit of purchasing your own book is being able to write your annotations in the margins of the book.
- Don’t stop during your reading to do the assignments; read the book, then do the assignments using the material you have flagged.
- Discuss the book with your family or friends, so you can work through your ideas out loud and fix the book more firmly in your mind. Don’t ask for help; just tell them what is interesting in the book and talk about the ideas.

In this packet please find:
- ★ The Pleasant Valley High School Academic Integrity Contract
- ★ Choosing and responding to quotes assignment instructions
- ★ Analyzing symbols instructions

When completing the assignments, please:
- Make sure your name is on all pages of the assignment.
- Type all responses in 12 point plain font like Arial or Times New Roman.
- Make sure it is clear where one response ends and the next begins. Clarity is key!
- Use MLA citation style, which is:
  “Quote of the exact words from the text” (author last name page number).
  “So many people are. Afraid of firemen, I mean. But you’re just a man, after all” (Bradbury 7).

Use ellipses (…) to show something has been left out of the middle of the original quote.
Use brackets ([ ]) around words you have added to the quote for clarity or around words you have changed to make your sentence grammatically correct. Brackets indicate that these words were not part of the original quote.

When you return from summer break, you will turn in:
- ➢ your signed Academic Integrity contract.
- ➢ your typed responses to the *Fahrenheit 451* assignments.

Have a great summer! Enjoy the book! See you in August!