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TO: Academy Students and Their Parents

RE: Summer Reading Lists for next year's students of Combo Grade 10 American Studies- Literature: STANDARD

We are very excited that you will be joining **Combo Grade 10 American Studies Literature - STANDARD**, next fall. This summer, you are assigned to read the short story "A Small Good Thing," by Raymond Carver. The text can be found at http://creativewriting.qwriting.qc.cuny.edu/files/2012/01/46_2006_carver.pdf. The English Department is asking you to take advantage of this relaxing time of year to fulfill one of the requirements for your next year's English class.

You will be doing two related activities:

- (1) Keep track of Setting, Character, Action, Style, and Ideas, as explained on the attached sheet. Present your observations in one paragraph for each SCASI element.
- (2) Respond to this question: How does context, or the lack of it, affect the characters' perception of each other? Write your response in 1-2 well developed paragraphs. Provide textual evidence for support.

Due date: September 10, 2018

Setting: *Where and when does it take place?*

What is significant about the setting?

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- Characters:** Who takes part? What does the reader/audience know about the characters in the story? How do we learn about these characters?
- Action:** What happens? How does the action in this story develop? What is the climax of the story? What is the resolution? What is the central conflict that drives the plot forward?
- Style:** What literary devices does the author insist on, and how do they affect our understanding?
- Ideas:** What conclusions can we draw from all of the above? What themes emerge in this story? What is the author trying to do in this story? How does s/he succeed?