Dear Connection families,

I am absolutely thrilled to join your community at the Connection! Over the past seventeen years, I have homeschooled my three children and grown to know many of you as friends. I have weathered the storms of homeschooling and witnessed the benefits such a lifestyle affords. Two of my children have graduated and are successfully journeying along their individual paths. What a blessing it is to behold the fruits of those long days at the table!

I graduated with honors and a degree in English from Texas Tech University and pursued additional education and employment as a paralegal for several years. Following the birth of my first child, I felt increasingly called to homeschool and embarked upon that path when she was in the first grade. Little did I know then how my life would be changed! I immediately discovered a passion for teaching and encouraging students to reach potentials they had not yet envisioned. Over the past seventeen years, I have taught within tutorial settings and individually as a tutor specializing in all aspects of language arts and literature, including American, British, and world literature. I love to discover the truths of life tucked between the pages of books long revered and often read. As a published author, I long to leave my students with even a portion of the same appreciation for literature and writing that I treasure.

Stepping into the classes taught for so many years by such a loved and respected teacher is an exceptional honor, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to work with your children. The Connection has been blessed abundantly by Ms. Murphy's incredible gifts and love for her students, and I am eager to continue along the path she has so expertly laid before us. As we embark upon a new season and travel through the pages of American and British literature, you'll notice a similar pattern and theme resounding through our classes, beckoning all to a greater knowledge and appreciation of the writings preserved from ages past.

I am truly honored to join you at the Connection and look forward to meeting you soon. Please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>angela@phelan5.com</u> or (901) 857-0094 with any questions. Have a wonderful semester and summer! I hope to see you in the fall!

Many blessings,

Angela Phelan