

ELA

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COURSE OVERVIEW



Literature:

Students are exposed to a wide variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, drama, and poetry. Students read short stories and poems from the literature book where literary elements and comprehension strategies are taught. Students will also respond to stories through writing and projects. The study of vocabulary is incorporated into the class and opportunities for essay and creative writing are provided. Technology is used for research and publishing of projects.

English:

This course will encompass the study of language skills and writing. The grammar section will continue the development of skills in grammar, usage, and mechanics. Students will enhance their writing skills by developing correct sentence structure, building paragraphs, and writing. Students will also research, write, and present to fellow classmates.

CLASS PROCEDURES



1. Be Kind
 2. Ask Questions
 3. Follow Directions
 4. Show Respect
 5. Do Your Best
- *Love Learning!*

Expectations



Consequences

1. The class rules follow the school rules from the student's handbook and the Code of Conduct and are to be followed at all times.
2. Get needed materials for class and be in seat and working when tardy bell rings.
3. Put name on all work.
4. Be respectful of your teacher and classmates.
5. Maintain a clean and orderly work area. No food, candy, or drinks are allowed to be consumed in class.
6. Bring all of your supplies to class daily.
7. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.
8. Participate in class discussions and activities.

GRADES



Grading Scale:

- 90-100%= A
- 80-89%= B
- 70-79%= C
- 60-69%= D
- 0-50%= F

Grades are given based upon a total points formula. Grade=total points earned/ total points possible.

Late work will result in loss of points and will not be accepted after 2 days- Assignments that are given on Monday and due by Friday will not be accepted late and will result in a 0. Grading examples include:

- ◇ Tests
- ◇ Quizzes
- ◇ Projects/ /Reports
- ◇ Homework

Quizzes

- Pop quizzes and announced quizzes will cover what is being taught in class.
- Vocabulary and spelling tests are given on Friday unless students are told otherwise.

*Please check your child's grades through FOCUS on a weekly/bi-weekly basis. Please have them check in with me if they have questions or concerns.

Rules

1. **1st Warning:** the teacher provides a verbal reprimand/reminder to student.
2. **2nd Warning:** the teacher will conference (privately) with the student and review classroom/school-wide expectations.
3. **3rd Warning:** the teacher will contact the office if behavior is hindering the learning of themselves or other students. Students may be removed from the classroom.
4. **Repeated behavior concerns:** the teacher will contact parent to discuss behavior and collaborate to find solutions.

Referral to Administration: a student will be immediately referred to administration for severe/repeated behavior problems.

*Students are expected to follow the classroom/school behavior expectations as well as the Student Code of Conduct.

Materials

Be Prompt Be Prepared Be Polite Be Positive

- Binder
- Pens/Pencils
- Lined paper
- Highlighters
- Post-it notes
- Personal reader that is school appropriate



HOMework AND ABSENT POLICY

- It is recommended that students are reading 20 or more minutes per night. Students can read any type of material as long as they are reading. It is important to increase stamina and practice the strategies we are learning to reinforce comprehension.
- If absent, the student will need to check the "Absent" bin and CANVAS to look for missed work. Students will have two days to finish and return any missed work, unless the work was assigned prior to the absence.
- Academic Integrity must be adhered to

STUDENT BINDERS

- It is asked for students to have a binder to keep their Do-Nows, Spelling/Vocabulary, grammar, notes, and handouts in one place.
- Be sure to keep it organized and neat. You will need to bring it to school daily.

REMINd APP and EMAIL

I utilize both Remind and email for communication. The REMIND system preloads based on FOCUS contact information. If you need to connect with your child's class, please contact the teacher via email or a note.

TARDIES

Students are expected to be in the classroom at the start of class. If students are not in the class when the bell rings they will be marked tardy.

CELL PHONES/TECHNOLOGY

Electronic devices **MUST** be turned off, stored **OUT OF SIGHT**, and in backpacks before students enter first period. They must remain in the backpacks for the remainder of the day and are not to be used during class. For privacy issues no photos are to be taken.

RESTROOMS

Students are permitted to use the restroom between classes; however, it is the student's responsibility to be on time and prepared for class. Restroom breaks during class will occur only in the first 10 minutes (unless it is an emergency with teacher approval). Students will need to sign out and in for restroom breaks and take the pass.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to follow the rules that are listed in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook. These rules will be enforced. Chronic violations will be dealt with by administration.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes last 51 minutes with the exception of homeroom (4th period 62 min.). Students have 4 minutes to transition from class to class.

I, _____, understand that these are rules, expectations, and procedures of my school and classroom that I am expected to follow.

Signature: _____ Date: _____