

WELCOME BACK 6TH GRADERS!!!

My name is Mrs. Williams and I will be your English teacher for this school year. Because I want to make your second year in middle school a special one, there are a few things I expect from you each time we meet:

1. Follow all the rules of the Student Handbook and the specific rules I have posted on the board.
2. Be in your seat as soon as the bell rings, with all the materials you need for this class.
3. Give 100% effort in class and on homework.
4. Be cooperative and not disruptive during class.
5. Be ready to learn.

In turn, you can expect a few things from me each time we meet:

1. I will treat you and your classmates with respect and care as individuals.
2. I will provide an orderly classroom environment.
3. I will provide the necessary discipline.
4. I will provide the appropriate motivation.
5. I will always be ready to help you learn.

If you choose to break the rules and expectations of this class, you will be expected to accept these consequences:

1. Points will be taken away from your weekly conduct grade, as stated on your "Personal Conduct Points" sheet.
2. For more serious infractions, Retentions and Detentions will be given and/or punish work will be assigned.
3. For repeated disturbances, you will be immediately sent to the office and your parents will be notified.
4. If the entire class is consistently disruptive, recess time will be taken away.

If you choose to follow these rules and expectations, certain rewards will be given. For instance, if your class completes all homework assignments within a certain time, bonus points will be given on the final exam.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!!! CHOOSE WISELY!

Your overall grade for this class will be based on the following:

1. **Class Participation:** This is worth 5% of your grade. You are expected to be in class on time, ready to learn every time we meet. The second the bell rings, you should be working on *this subject only*. Any disruptive behavior will be considered nonparticipation, and your overall grade will suffer.
2. **Class Work:** 10%-- Any textbook exercises or worksheets you work on in class will count towards your overall grade. At the beginning of some classes, you will complete a daily edit exercise. I will explain this when the time comes. At the end of each quarter, you must have all daily edits completed.
3. **Homework:** 10% -- You will most likely have a homework assignment every time we meet, and this assignment will be checked the following class meeting. In order to receive full credit for homework, each assignment must be complete and neatly done. If any assignment is incomplete, you will have one (1) day to complete the assignment for $\frac{1}{2}$ credit; after that, the assignment will receive a 0. If you miss three (3) assignments, you parents will be notified. For every assignment you miss after that, you will receive a retention.
4. **Quizzes:** 15% -- You will occasionally be quizzed on what you have learned, just so I can make sure you understand the material. To do well on these quizzes, just pay attention in class and do the homework assignments *every night*.
5. **Writing Assignments:** 10% -- You will have several writing assignments throughout the year. Because you will always have several chances to work on and improve your assignments, they should help your overall grade.
6. **Tests:** 25% -- I will tell you exactly what you need to know for each test and give you plenty enough time to study for each.
7. **Final Exam:** 25% -- This will be your final chance to show me that you have mastered all the material you have learned over the past nine weeks. Like the regular tests, I will tell you exactly what you need to know to do well.

Class Work
&
Homework

25%

Quizzes
&
Essays

25%

Keep this sheet in your folder at all times. Use it whenever you have any questions about how certain activities and behaviors will affect your grade.

I am looking forward to being your English teacher this year. As long as you follow all the rules, pay attention in class, and complete all assignments, this year will be a great one!