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Welcome to 7th Grade Composition

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This year we will put into practice our knowledge of language and its conventions when speaking, listening, reading and writing. We will use technology to produce and publish clear and coherent written work. I look forward to working with you this year.

Classroom Rules

In addition to all school rules:

1. Be respectful. Conduct yourself so that Mrs. Horne can teach and that all students can learn.
2. Be ready. Follow directions the first time they are given by **ANY** adult. Be on time and prepared.
3. Take ownership. Complete your **own** work. (See “Academic Honesty” below.) Advocate for yourself. Always do your best.
4. Be accepting. Use kind words and actions towards yourself and others.
5. Participate!

- If these rules are followed, the class will be rewarded with a class game or free time.
- If you choose to break any of the rules, the consequences include a verbal warning, call/email home, minor and/or major.

Standards Based Grading & Academic Expectations

Your grade will be based on a 1-5 numeric scale for the following standards:

- *Standard 7.3: Uses knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading or listening.*
- *Standard 7.6: Uses technology to produce and publish clear and coherent written work that is appropriate to task, purpose and audience while using the writing process.*
- *Standard 7.7: Conducts research projects, gathering several credible sources, and quoting and paraphrasing them correctly.*
- *Standard COSL: Student is safe, productive, respectful and responsible.*

This means that standards 1-3 are solely based on mastery of the concepts in class. Mastery of concepts is demonstrated through completed assignments, quizzes, tests and projects. Standard 4 is based on your participation and homework.

In addition a letter grade represents your overall work in class:

1. Any assigned homework will be checked for completion the next day. Homework turned in after that will be considered late and you will only be eligible for partial credit.
2. Due dates for work are to be met on time. Students who know they will not be here on an assigned due date (vacations, planned absence, etc.) are expected to either: 1) turn in the work before leaving, or 2) turn it the work on the day the student returns to class. **Missed due dates for big assignments and/or projects will result in a 10% reduction for each day it is late.**
3. Following any absence, students are expected to ask for any missed assignments. According to school policy, students will have the number of days missed to make-up and turn-in work, which would determine the new due date for excused absence work.
4. The goal is to master the skills you're working on for each graded assignment. Therefore, if you earn less than 60% or a 3, you will be REQUIRED to make test corrections. Test corrections must be completed on the day assigned by Mrs. Horne unless you are absent that day. In that case, you will retake it the day you return. **All corrections will require a "Request to Retake" form along with a parent signature.**
5. If you or your parents have any questions or comments, please let me know as soon as possible. Communication is key to your success in this class. Please talk to me if you are having trouble or don't understand something; I would be more than happy to help in any way possible.

Academic Honesty Academic honesty is extremely important. Cheating or turning in the work of other students is considered unacceptable conduct in my classroom. Cheating and dishonesty on assignments includes:

In addition to all school rules:

1. Copying or asking another student for answers.
2. Asking another student for help during an assessment.
3. Willfully letting someone copy your answers on an assessment or homework.
4. Using technology/notes/book to text/get answers to an assessment.
5. Plagiarism through the use of internet, books, cheat notes or other technologies.
6. If a student is found to be cheating or dishonest in their assigned work, he/she will be given a referral and will need to be made up on the student's own time.

If a student is found to be cheating or dishonest in their assigned work he/she will receive an "F" on that assignment and the parent/guardian will be informed.

I look forward to a fun and successful academic year! ☺

Students and Parents:

Please sign below, indicating that you have read the above syllabus together for Mrs. Horne's Composition class, and understand the procedures and expectations. Please submit the signed portion by **Friday, September 3, 2021.**

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Preferred method of contact: (circle one) email phone either

Additional comments: