

Mrs. Ewer's Classroom Information & Expectations

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- **Course Objectives:**

- All English courses in the state of Tennessee are required to use the Tennessee State Standards. You may access the standards [here](#).

- **Course Description:**

- This course is designed to help you become a more proficient and confident reader of a variety of texts and literature. You will also practice various forms of writing to express your ideas and opinions. Through writing practice, you will become a more competent writer with the ability to cite textual evidence and support strong logical arguments.

- **Supplies:**

- Paper
- Pencils
- Highlighter
- Folder or binder to keep work organized
- Internet access is highly encouraged

- **Class Rules:**

***Three violations** of the following rules will result in the loss of privileges in the classroom for the rest of the nine weeks- like eating or drinking in class.

- Be polite and respectful.
- Maintain personal space between yourself and others.
- Put away and plug in ChromeBooks properly.
- Clean up all trash and messes.
- No cell phones, earbuds, or smart devices allowed.
- No broken pencils.
- One bathroom pass per nine weeks.

- **Upon Arrival:**

- Check the screen for instructions. There may be a grammar or vocabulary quiz to take on your ChromeBook, or directions to start a task.
- Put your cell phone on silent, and place it in the phone caddy.
- Gather all supplies/materials **before** the bell.
- Part of your classroom participation grade comes from being prepared for class to begin.

- **ChromeBooks:**
 - Use the ChromeBook that is assigned to **you**, and protect yourself by always logging out.
 - Please put your ChromeBook back in its numbered spot and plug it in.
- **Cell phones, earpods, and other electronic devices:**
 - **Not allowed** during class!!!
 - **1st offense:** Confiscated for the remainder of the day
 - **2nd offense:** Given to the office for a parent to pick up
- **Food and Drinks:**
 - Small snacks and candy are welcomed.
 - Drinks must have a lid or cap.
 - Any wrappers or messes are your responsibility. If things become untidy, I will amend this policy, and ban eating and drinking.
- **Google Classroom:**
 - Your assignments will be given and explained in class, as well as posted on GCR.
 - It is your responsibility to track and turn in your assignments.
- **Turning in assignments:**
 - Most assignments will be turned in through GCR.
 - Written work will be turned into the white drawers at the "Student Station." Each class has their own drawer labeled with the class's period number. When turning in a paper assignment, I also encourage you to mark it as "Turned in" on GCR to help you remember it's complete.
- **Grading:**
 - A- 90-100%
 - B- 80-89%
 - C- 70-79%
 - D- 60-69%
 - F- 59% and below
- **Grade Breakdown:**

Daily Work	50%
Tests & Essays	30%
Quizzes	10%
Participation	10%

- **Extra Credit:**
 - Extra credit opportunities will be offered at various times to the entire class.
- **Retake Policy:**
 - If a student is not happy with a grade s/he received on a test, quiz or assignment, s/he may request a retake of the test or quiz or may make corrections to the assignment. Students are responsible for scheduling a retake time outside of class. If a student would like to improve his/her grade on an essay, s/he may see the teacher outside of class time for assistance in correcting the essay. The number of points awarded for corrected work will depend on quality of corrections as well as teacher discretion.
- **Cheating:**
 - Taking and sharing answers are both cheating.
 - Copying anything from the Internet or other source is cheating.
 - **1st offense:** The student will receive a warning, and will have to redo the assignment, plus parents will be contacted.
 - **2nd offense:** The grade will be a zero, the parents will be contacted, and the student will be referred to administration.
- **Participation:**
 - Each student will start with 100 points.
 - Refusing to work or sleeping will result in a 5 point deduction. If you're not feeling well, please talk with me.
- **Make-up Work:**
 - If you are absent for any reason, it is your responsibility to request and obtain your make-up work.
 - Assignments are usually listed, explained and available on GCR, so you have the ability to start work before returning to school, if you wish.
 - Make-up work is expected in a timely manner.
- **Tardy Policy:**
 - You should be inside the classroom when the bell rings.
 - If a teacher makes you late or you are with the nurse, it is your responsibility to ask for a note or email.
 - If you are late, I will send an email. You do not have to get a tardy slip.
- **Leaving the Room:**
 - Always get permission!
 - Always sign out with the time and location of where you are going, and remember to sign back in.
- **Safety:**
 - Never open my door without permission from the teacher!