**Welcome back to school! In order to be successful in this class, it is imperative that you come to class, pay close attention, take precise notes, and complete assignments daily.**

**Course Description:**

Exploring Computer Science is a fun, hands-on course that introduces you to the world of computers-not just how they work, but how you can use them to solve real problems and be creative. You don’t need to know anything about computers to take this course. It’s made for any student, no matter your background or experience. In this course, we will discuss five main topics: Human-Computer Interaction, Problem Solving, Programming, Data and Computing, and Robotics.

**Materials Needed:**

1.5 inch binder, paper, pen, pencil, wired headphones

**Wish List:**

White copy paper, Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, hand sanitizer

**Grading Procedures:**

A= 90 – 100, B = 80 – 89, C = 70 – 79, D = 69 – 60, F = 0 – 59.

You final quarter grades will be based on: ***65% Tests/Major Grades*** - ***35% Quizzes/Minor Grades***

**Classroom Procedures:**

1. **Journal Entry**
2. Students will be given a daily journal entry that will correlate with the days’ lesson and expound their thinking on computers and how they use them in everyday life.
3. **Lessons**
4. You will be provided with a notes packet for each new unit. These are for you to keep up with and review.
5. If you miss a day, Mr. Hidle will have your notes printed for you upon your return. It is YOUR responsibility to get them.
6. Completed student packets will be taken each week as a minor grade check.
7. **Projects/Tests**
8. There will be a number of projects throughout the course of the year. Each of these projects will be major grade. Each project will have a corresponding rubric detailing grading criteria.
9. There will also be Unit Exams that will assess students’ understanding and retention from each unit covered.
10. **Brain Bucks!**
11. You will be rewarded “Brain Bucks” throughout the course of the year for which you can redeem for prizes.
12. You are rewarded Bucks for good behavior, completing homework assignments, and answering questions correctly during discussion.
13. **Discipline**
14. First offense: Verbal Warning, Discipline Letter
15. Second offense: Parent Contact, Discipline Letter
16. Third offense: Admin Conference, Discipline Letter
17. Fourth offense: Office Referral

**Late Work Policy:**

1. Any late submission must be submitted with an additional form to be graded.

I sign stating that I have read and understand the rules and procedures for Mr. Hidle’s class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Student)

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