

Welcome to 6th Grade English at Marsh Junior High!

Welcome to 6th Grade English! This year, we will embark on an exciting journey designed to prepare you for the challenges of middle school while fostering a strong sense of community. Together, we will work on essential skills such as reading, thinking, listening, and speaking, all while emphasizing the importance of collaboration and respect for one another. Our classroom will be a supportive space where you can express your ideas, build lasting friendships, and grow into thoughtful individuals who contribute positively to our community. Let's make this year a memorable and successful one! **Return by: Thursday August 20th for 5 points**

You will do well in this class if you are **READY** everyday:

Respect:

- Pay attention and follow directions
- Use positive verbal and non-verbal language
- Use active listening when the teacher or peers address you or the group
- Treat the people in this classroom with kindness
- Show integrity in all actions- do the right thing even when no one is watching!

Engagement:

- Be prepared
- Asking questions if you are unclear about anything
- Participating in class and group discussions
- Bring your chromebook to class-**CHARGED**

Acceptance:

- Be willing to keep trying even when you struggle
- Encourage and/or help classmates when they struggle
- Using inclusive and appropriate language

Diligence:

- Working actively on all tasks
- Being self-directed and focused on doing your best!

Yes!:

- You demonstrated a positive attitude toward the teacher, the class, and its content!

Cell phones or any music devices or headphones:

- In this class, we will follow the school-wide rule which is absolutely no cellphones out in the classroom.
- If you choose to have a phone out during class, the consequence will be a warning, then the phone is sent to the office.
- If for any reason, you or your family are experiencing something that requires contact with your child, PLEASE email or call me. I always try to be understanding and accommodating when situations arise.

★★Late/make-up work: It is your responsibility to get the information you missed! Check Google Classroom!

- I **always** have my Agenda slides posted on Google Classroom. It is up to your student to see what he/she missed.
- If you have excused absences from class you will have the number of days you were gone to complete the work for full credit.
- After that, late work can be turned in for up to **half-credit**, until the unit is over or the grading period ends, at that point I will no longer accept late work and it will be entered in as ZERO.
- Before/after school is a good time to ask MORE about work you missed if it's easier than emailing. DURING class is not an acceptable time to ask about missing/late work.

Google Classroom/Resources:

- Agendas and assignments can be found on Google Classroom.
- Aeries will be updated weekly. Late work will be updated before the grading period is due, but I am not on your schedule to get late work in. If you want your work graded efficiently, turn in your work on time!
- Reach out to me via email with any questions or concerns- I want your child to succeed!

Grading Breakdown–Weighted Grading

*Weighted grading means that 1 point in a higher weighted category is worth more than 1 point in a lower weighted category

Categories

Tests/Essays/Quizzes: 35%

Homework/Classwork: 30%

IXL/AR): 20%

Citizenship Points: 15%

- **Participation plays a major role in your grade.** Each week you will have the opportunity to earn participation/citizenship points. This means listening to your classmates and teacher, joining in on group work and partner discussion, being actively engaged (not having your head down on your desk) and using class time to work on your assignments. You will lose these points if you are disrespectful to the class, teacher, or students.
- **Every day you will come to class with 5 daily points**
- You will retain these points as long as you are following proper classroom behavior expectations
 - In your seat quietly beginning the starter by the bell
 - No phones used in class without permission
 - No food/drinks (besides water)
 - No airpods in (saying I forgot they were in is NOT an excuse)
 - In addition to a loss of points, these items will be confiscated as per school rules regarding electronics
 - Acting in a way that disrupts others' learning or my teaching
 - Missing daily materials (composition notebook, pencil, charged chromebook, BLUE English folder., AR Book)
- Aeries is updated regularly, please make sure you are checking!
- You should communicate with me the **first time** you have a concern about your grade!

AR Reading

- Students are responsible for reading 2 AR books from the Marsh library a semester. We will have dedicated time on Wednesdays to read/test.
- They can also read when they finish early, or during free time. **However, they can ONLY test during our classroom scheduled AR time on Wednesdays.**

IXL

- Each Monday, Students will be assigned two IXL's a week. Each is worth 8 points, for a total of 16 points. Full credit is reaching a Smart Score of 80 on both IXL's (80 is 8 points, 70 is 7 points, etc.)
- **IXL is NOT accepted late.** How many points they have Sunday by midnight, is what will be entered into the gradebook.

Materials needed:

Pencils

Pen

Highlighter

A BLUE pocket folder for ENGLISH (label folder)

A black/white composition notebook labeled ENGLISH

A charged Chromebook everyday they come to class

An AR independent reading book (bring daily) from the Marsh Library

Final Note to Students:

I absolutely understand that you all have a lot going on in your lives, some more than others. Success is dependent on the effort put into the course. I am **committed** to having you be successful in this class, no matter how difficult things may get, I have your back! My door is always open and I encourage you to communicate with me anytime you have any questions, comments or concerns about anything! If I don't know, I can't help! We have got this!

Final Note to Guardians:

I know starting middle school can be scary, but trust that your child is in the right place! I consider it an honor and privilege to teach your children. I will do everything I can to help them find success and catch them up in areas they may be lacking in. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress, class materials, or teaching procedures I encourage you to contact me. Email is the easiest way to get a hold of me and I will make every effort to respond in a timely manner!

Parent Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Thank you! Let's have a great year!! Go Gators!