

← Welcome! It is my honor to be with you. →

Our *Classroom Rules* ~

1. Respect
2. Responsibility
3. Reliability

Grading~Arrive everyday, ready to work hard and ENJOY your beautiful life.

Be sure your name is on your paper; if I don't know it's from you, I can't give you credit for your stellar efforts. Therefore, work missing its author's name will be docked 10 points.

← *Basic Procedures:* they're how we get things done! →

Keep these in your notebook at all times.

How should I enter the classroom?

Quietly and orderly: take your seat quickly, and place your notebook and texts/assignments you'd like to tackle on your desk, so you are prepared to begin class as soon as the bell rings. If you come in late without a pass, you will be tardy.

What do I do when the bell rings?

~Please, chat quietly amongst yourselves once you are seated and ready to begin class. Once the bell rings, *immediately* and quietly begin working. Most days, an inspirational something will be on the board, ready for your consideration.

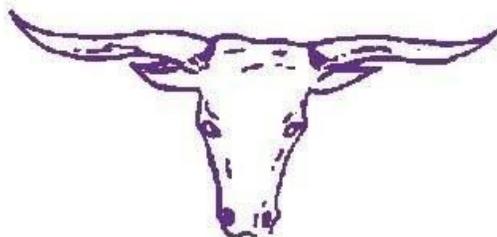
~I, not the bell, end class. When it rings, wait for my cue. Before any scholar can leave, all sitting spaces must be returned to their proper places and trash must be thrown away. I will go to the door and wish you a good day; that is your indicator that class is dismissed.

What about sharpening my pencil?

Not a silly question at all! (Really, very few are.) You are free to sharpen away, anytime when another scholar or the instructor is not talking. If someone is talking, wait *respectfully* for him or her to finish.

What do I do when I hear an emergency signal?

Quietly wait for instructions from the teacher and treat it seriously once we begin. If we need to leave the room, exit in an orderly fashion and remain with our group.



How should I act during group assignments or cooperative group work?

So essential! First, see “Academic Discussion Frames” (coming soon) for more support, and basically, follow our three R’s: *Respect* one another’s opinions; *Responsibly* assist your peers; *Reliably* take on your share of the work.

What is the class signal?

Your sign that I need your attention: I will raise my hand, say “FIVE”, and count to one.

What may I do when I finish my work?

You may...work on another assignment, read a book, write a letter or poem, study vocabulary, read a poem, write a story...basically, stay busy, and use your time wisely.

What do I do when I need to leave the room to go to the restroom, to get a drink, etc.?

Use a pass if you have one; you will receive two at the beginning of every quarter. Please use discretion when asking to leave. Out of *respect*, do not interrupt a peer or me to ask.

What if I forgot something in my locker, like a pen, pencil, or paper?

If I have an extra, I’m happy to share, but plan to come prepared. If you must leave to retrieve a forgotten item, you will be tardy. I know you are *responsible* enough to daily come prepared.

What is the homework policy in this class?

Since you are *responsible* and *reliable*, you will bring your work everyday. If you forget one day, however, do not panic. You may turn the work in up until the end of the school day, losing five points from your score. If you have a hall pass, use it, and avoid being docked.

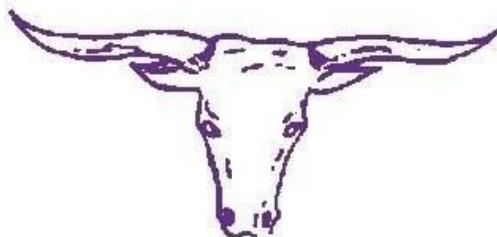
What if I need to talk to you?

Scholars and parents, I am 100% here for you. Please do not hesitate to call, message, or stop by to set up a time to chat.

What do we do if you are not here?

Your behavior **MUST** be exemplary when you have a sub. I will rely on you to respect him or her. Listen and do what you are asked. My substitute policy is as follows:

- If I receive any reports of scholar misconduct from the substitute, two things will happen. First, you will be given an opportunity to write a thoughtful and sincere letter of apology to the sub for treating him or her disrespectfully. Second, you will serve detention for thirty minutes or until the letter is written to my satisfaction.



May I borrow a book?

Yes, please. Our classroom library is calling your name right now! Simply select something wonderful, check it out with me, and return it when you are done. Happy reading.

Why are we here?

To learn to think and communicate so that we can effectively navigate our world; to acquire all the skills that will set us up for success; and as Emerson told us, "live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air." It's going to be a great year! So glad you're here.

I have read and understand all of the above classroom procedures.

Scholar Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

