

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I am your child's ELA teacher. This is my second year working with most of my students. It is an honor to continue teaching and watching your child learn and grow both academically and physically.

I have high expectations for each of my students. I believe that every student has the potential to learn and grow and become an independent learner. Every child in my classroom will be challenged to his or her highest potential. My goal is to develop your child into a stronger reader and writer. Some topics we will focus on this year include:

- Determining the meaning of unknown words by using context clues from the text
- Comparing and contrasting literary elements in two or more texts
- Analyzing the different point of views between the characters in a story
- Citing textual evidence to make an inference to support what the text says
- Writing for a variety of purposes
- Using research to introduce and develop facts into an essay
- Independently brainstorm, write, revise, and edit writing

I believe that parent and teacher communication is essential to your child's success! You know your child best! Therefore, I encourage you to reach out to me anytime you have a question or concern regarding your child. Additionally, you will receive a monthly newsletter with classroom updates and announcements from me via email. Please make sure your email address is correct in Skyward.

Your child will have homework! He or she is expected to read every night for 20 minutes AND complete the Reading Log. Students will also complete weekly writing assignments in his or her writing journal. Additional homework will be assigned throughout the year. Information will be provided in future newsletters and Google Classroom. The districts grading policy is as follows:

Classwork/Participation 30%

Test/Assessments 30%

Projects 15%

Quizzes 15%

Homework 10%

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support this school year. I look forward to a great school year together!

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