

Words to Think About:

We never know how far reaching something we may think, say or do today will affect the lives of millions tomorrow.

- B.J. Palmer

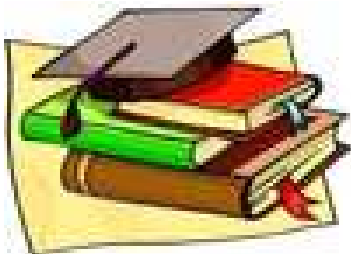
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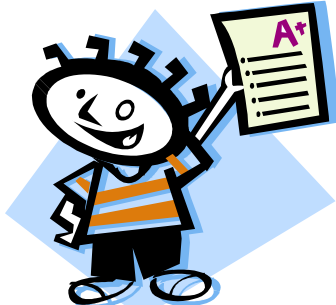
**Mrs. Casady's
Classroom
Guidelines**



A Quick Glance


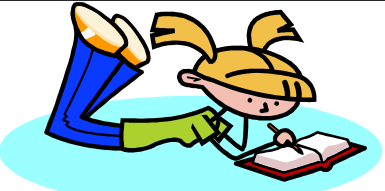
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Here's What to Know...

<p>Contact Information</p> <p><u>Room:</u> 611 <u>Phone Number:</u> 733-5061 (School) <u>Contact Times:</u> 11:10-12:20 M-F or 3:00-4:00 M-F <u>E-Mail Address:</u> casadyj@usd385.org</p>	<p>Tardy Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are considered tardy to class if they are not <u>in class and seated before</u> the bell. This is to ensure not only that students are ready to learn but to discourage potential behavior problems. Tardy students will receive a conduct point. Students who continue to be tardy for class will call home. 	<p>Read: It's What Smart People Do.</p> 
<p>Classroom Supplies</p> <p>Bring the following supplies to class everyday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pen & Pencil Paper Dry Erase Markers Language Arts Spiral* Assignment Agenda Book Literature Book Library Book <p>*Students will need one of the spirals from their supply list to use <u>exclusively</u> for this class. In this they will keep various bell activity lessons, notes, project information, and journal assignments.</p>	<p>Grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One grade will be given for the 90 minute block Grades will be weighted in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% Tests/Projects 40% Daily Work and Homework 	<p>Interesting Facts I Discovered While Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snail can sleep for 3 years. "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language. China has more English speakers than the U.S. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning. Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
<p>Seating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will <u>assign</u> seats once every nine weeks. Typically, desks will be arranged in a four-team cluster to make cooperative group work easier. If a seating arrangement is not working for you or your child, please let me know. 	<p>Grading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically, grades will be updated one to two times every two weeks. Exceptions to this time-frame include late/absent work, which will only be updated twice a nine weeks unless otherwise requested. Writing assignments and projects are the two other exceptions, for they may take longer to grade. 	

<p>Returned Work</p>		<p>Make-Up Work</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 4em; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">GO TITANS!</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graded work will usually be returned to students once every two weeks. However, you may often times view scores soon by logging into Power-School. For the first nine weeks, I will keep most of their daily work and tests in a folder to be shared at conferences. If you would like to view your child's work prior to conference, please let me know and I'll check out his/her folder to you. I will do my best to return tests within 1-4 school days. All tests, quizzes, and writing assignments will be kept in classroom folders for the year. Again, parents may check them out any time. 		<p>Lesson Plans</p>		<p>Two school days are given to make up work for each day of an excused absence. However, some exceptions to this rule can be granted by the administration. In the event of a scheduled absence, all work and tests should be scheduled for make up <u>before</u> students leave and are <u>due upon their return</u> to school.</p>
<p>Homework</p>		<p>My lesson plans for the past and current weeks can be found at Schoolnotes.com. Just enter Andover's zip code, 67002, and click on my name. Lesson plans for the current week will generally be updated at the beginning of the day Monday. When my lesson plans for the week change, and they usually do, I will try to update Schoolnotes. However, the classroom board is still the most accurate source.</p>		<p>Reading</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally homework will be given 2-4 times per week. I will try not to assign homework on the week-ends, but sometimes it will be necessary. Parents and students may view homework assignments for the past and current weeks at school-notes.com and our class wiki found on the teacher pages of the district web-site. Students may also view assignments on the classroom board. The agenda and homework will be posted for Monday through Friday of the current week. 	<p>Late Assignments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will visit the library every other Wednesday. However, students may also visit the library before or after school. Some in-class reading time will be allotted when reading novels or short stories; in addition, I will give students time to read on Wednesdays after our trip to the library. I will set reading goals at the beginning of each quarter with students. Students will complete a reading calendar and skill work for at least 2-3 books each nine weeks. In addition, they will post and comment on book reviews on our class Wiki page. I'll send more information about reading, goal setting, skill work, book reviews, and our class Wiki at a later time. The following are two required novels for sixth grade: <i>The Call of the Wild</i> <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> The following books may or may not be read (depending on the teacher/student): <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> 		

<p style="text-align: center;">Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, students will be writing in class every week. • Large writing assignments will be weighted at 60%. • Daily writing assignments will count as daily work/homework and will be weighted at 40%. • Students will be graded using the Six-Trait Writing Rubric. • Not all writing assignments will be graded on all six traits <u>at once</u>. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Interesting Facts I Learned While Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A car traveling 100 mph would take more than 29 million years to reach the nearest star. • Up to the age of six or seven months, an infant can breath and swallow simultaneously. Adults can't do this. • The average American eats at McDonald's more than 1,800 times in their lifetime. • Ants don't sleep. • Your skeleton keeps growing until age 35, then you start to shrink. • Half of Americans over 55 have no teeth. • In the 1830's ketchup was sold as medicine. • In Colombia a person can be fined up to \$90,000 for gossiping. • Jimmy Carter was the first American president to be born in a hospital. • The creator of Mickey Mouse, Walt Disney, was afraid of mice. • Men are six times more likely to be struck by lightening than women. <p style="font-size: small;">http://www.hookedonfacts.com/index.htm</p>	
		

Please Detach, Sign, & Return

Homework Assignment

Name _____

Hours 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Due Date _____ (50 points)

Since we have discussed the guidelines, your responsibility is to share them with your parents. Please have your parent sign below signaling that they have read them. Then return **this detached sheet** to me on or before the due date. **Your parents may keep the other pages for their records.** Thanks for your cooperation.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____