

Supplies Needed

- Writing utensils
- Colored pencils
- Note cards
- Composition notebook
- Chromebook- Bring fully charged, daily
- Notebook paper
- Dry Erase markers

Mrs. McGriff

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Classroom Rules

Be respectful

- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- Raise your hand to be called on before speaking
- Wait to leave your seat until break time
- Treat school property and belongings of Mrs. McGriff with care
 - Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times.

Be responsible

- Follow school rules
- Do not bring food or drink to class except for water and your lunch. (No exceptions!)
- Come to class prepared
- Participate in class
- Complete homework on time
- Study for tests and quizzes
- Have academic integrity

Be positive

- Look for the good in every situation
- Be open to trying new things
- Keep trying, even when it's hard
- Ask for help instead of giving up
- Work together as a team when asked

Cell Phones

Cell phones are never permitted for use in class.. *The cell phone policy of RCSS will be followed and enforced:*

- Cell phones, smartwatches, headphones, or other electronic communication devices during the instructional day.
- All electronic devices must be stored out of view during the instructional day. This applies to all areas of the school, including common areas, hallways, restrooms, and locker rooms
- In emergencies, students may use the main office to make necessary calls. Parents and guardians can also contact their children by calling the school's main office, where staff can relay urgent messages. Our anonymous Safety Tip Line is also available to share concerns about student or school safety at (706) 828-1077.

Grading

Grades will be divided into two categories:

Writing
ELA

Academic achievement includes final assessments of your knowledge, like exams, tests, most quizzes, projects, "best draft" writing pieces, etc.

Academic practice includes "working" assessments of your progress toward achievement. Items included in this portion of your grade are some quizzes, pre-tests, daily homework, some in-class work, practice exercises, etc.

Three Strikes

In our class, I follow the idea of "Three strikes, and you're out!" This means I will generally provide you with two warnings before a consequence is given for poor choices and/or misbehavior in the classroom.

Strike 1: Verbal warning

Strike 2: Verbal warning and/or after-class discussion

Strike 3/You're out!: Disciplinary action (office referral, reflection sheet, etc.) will be taken, following a phone call/email to your parents/guardians. Conduct sheets, folders, graded papers will be given on Tuesdays. Parents will be asked to sign and student will return on Wednesday.

Tickets

You can earn tickets by following our classroom agreement! Tickets will be handed out weekly for various reasons. On Fridays, I will draw winners for candy and small prizes, no homework passes, and "free time".

Homework

Completing homework is an EXPECTATION in ELA. In order to be successful in the course, be prepared for the state tests, and be ready to handle 5th grade curriculum next year, homework is a necessary part of the class.

Homework will include:

- Reading outside of class on a daily/regular basis- 15 minutes per day
- Vocabulary homework
- iReady and or IXL - Green and Blue Lessons
- Homework assignments will be posted on DOJO, but students are expected to write homework in their notebook as well.
 - Studying for tests and quizzes
 - *We will review material in class, but you will also need to study the content on your own at home*
- Any other work not completed during class time; you will have time to finish almost all work in class if you use your time wisely

Homework guidelines:

Homework is due at the BEGINNING of class on its due date, unless otherwise specified. Turning in homework after the time of collection will result in a restorative practice being implemented.

Late work will be accepted up to one day after due date.

Reaching two or more missing assignments will result in a phone call home and documentation in infinite campus.

- You may also redo homework (IF it was turned in on time) to improve your grade. "Redo" work will only be accepted until one week prior to the end of the grading period.
- Reassess and Relearn will be available throughout the year; take advantage of it, if needed, to improve your grade. 😊

Sign Here

After you and your parents have read this document, please sign below and return the *entire sheet* to Mrs. McGriff. Thank you!

I have read and understand the expectations for me as a learner in English Language Arts 4.

Student Signature

Date

I have reviewed and discussed the expectations for my son/daughter in English Language Arts 4.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent Email

(_____)_____-_____
Parent Phone Number