

Choir-Fifth Grade
Icenhower Intermediate School

Hello, and welcome to Choir class! We have an exciting several weeks ahead of us, and I hope it will be an enjoyable as well as educational experience. This letter is for the purpose of informing you of class expectations and policies.

Materials: Each student is expected to have a pencil every day. All other materials will be provided.

Expectations: There are a number of procedures in place to make our classroom successful. We will learn several details as the class progresses, but here are a few particular expectations:

1. Class will begin promptly at the scheduled time. If a student arrives more than two minutes past the appropriate time, he or she will be marked tardy unless the student is able to obtain written notice from a parent, teacher, or other staff member stating the reason for the tardiness. Emergencies will obviously be taken into account, but all students will be held accountable.
2. The class will immediately find assigned spots and be seated. There will be no horseplay. Violators will receive the appropriate written reprimand or a phone call home. No one is allowed to play the piano until permission is given. Everyone will have an opportunity to play the piano at the correct time in the correct manner.
3. There will be several procedures in place concerning proper standing formation and the correct time and protocol for speaking in class. We will be very interactive, so we must be diligent in controlling our talking so everyone can be heard and answered correctly.
4. As teacher, I will respect my students and I will expect each of you to respect me, yourself and your classmates. With an atmosphere of respect, we can all be successful.

Grading: Grades will be largely based on proper participation. As this is a choir class, everyone is expected to try their best to sing. Participation grades will not be based on natural talent or abilities, but on a willingness to sing as well as possible. There will be a weekly grade given based on participation (percentage of class time used wisely), and there will be a singing quiz every two or three weeks. We will have a concert near the end of our time together, and a grade will be given for it. Those who cannot make it to the concert will be required to complete an alternate assignment. With proper participation, everyone will be well prepared for the quizzes and the concert. Grades are based on the following scale:

90-100=A
80-90=B
70-80=C
Below 70=Failing

Everyone will receive a citizenship grade each grading period on the following scale:

E=Excellent
S=Satisfactory
N=Needs improvement
U=Unsatisfactory

I am excited to have all of you in my class, and I believe you will have a fun and rewarding experience.

Mr. Poteat
817-299-2728, conference period 11:00 AM-11:30 AM