Welcome Back to School!

7th Grade Literature & Writing (2020-2021)

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Golden West Middle School! This year in 7th grade Literature & Writing, we will be working with novels in class (including, but not limited to, Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick and Tangerine by Edward Bloor), as well as various short stories, poems and films. Golden West utilizes the education program Springboard to support these texts.

Students this year will:

- Read novel selections, as assigned
- Participate in class activities such as readings, discussions, quizzes, projects and tests
- Complete writing activities, assignments and essays

NOTE: All work must be turned in by the assigned date and time. Any work turned in late will not earn credit (*unless otherwise stated in an IEP*). This means making sure to click on the "Turn It In" button in Google Classroom when finished with an assignment. Assignments will be due on Wednesdays, with several days to complete them. If some sort of technical issue or family situation arises which interferes with a student's ability to complete/turn-in work, **please contact Mr. Garcia or Ms. Chavez immediately!** It is much easier to make accommodations and give extensions **before** an assignment is due rather than **after**.

At times, film clips, documentaries or feature films will be shown during the school year, some of which may be rated PG or PG-13. In lieu of sending permission slips, I ask that parents please email me if you want to **opt to have your child NOT participate in watching these videos/movies**. We assure you that **only films complementing the curriculum** will be viewed in class, and professional discretion will be used in the selection of these videos.

Please review the classroom procedures and consequences on the following page with your child, and have your child return the form with your signature. Please feel to contact us with any comments, questions or concerns.

We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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Students are expected to log into Google Classroom on a regular basis every week, as well as be positive, helpful, and respectful to peers and staff. We will follow the subsequent consequence procedures if these expectations are not met.

Classroom Procedures

1. Log into Google Classroom a few minutes before class starts
2. Have a notebook and something to write with to take notes (important dates, reminders, etc)
3. Limit distractions as much as possible – this can include:
    a. Attending Google Meets in a quiet space
    b. Not using cell phones for non-academic purposes
    c. Not watching television or internet videos
4. Act responsibility and respectfully during video calls
    a. Do not distract others (goofy faces, behaving inappropriately, etc)
    b. Interrupt the teacher or others (mute yourself when participating in class unless call on to speak)
    c. Type inappropriate or off-topic comments in the text chat

Consequences

1. Verbal warning
2. Removal from Google Meet lesson
3. Parent contact