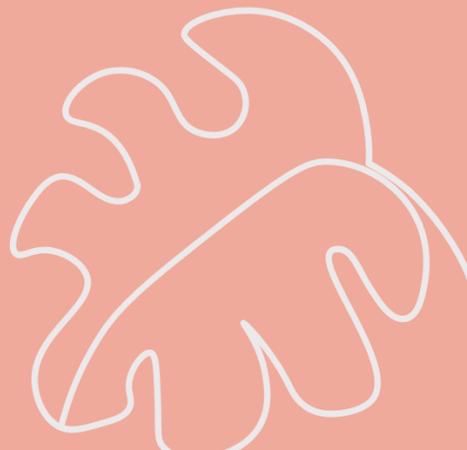




EL LANGUAGE ARTS IV SYLLABUS

Ms. Nelson



COURSE INFORMATION



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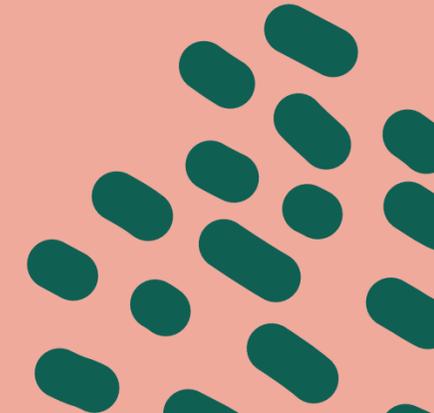
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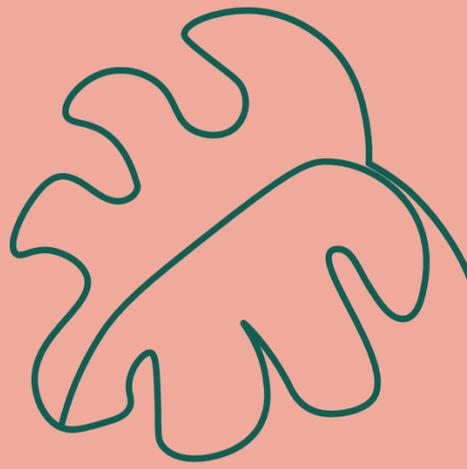
Teacher: Ms. Nelson

Room: 101 G-A

Office Location: 106G

Email: lnelson@west-fargo.k12.nd.us





GRADING SCALE

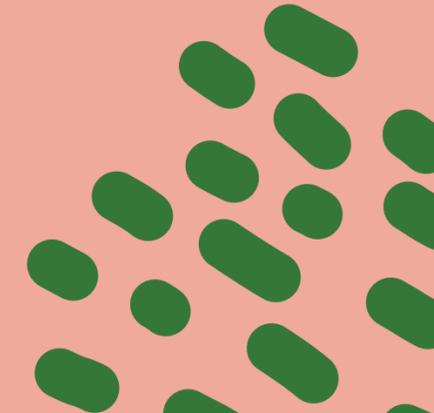
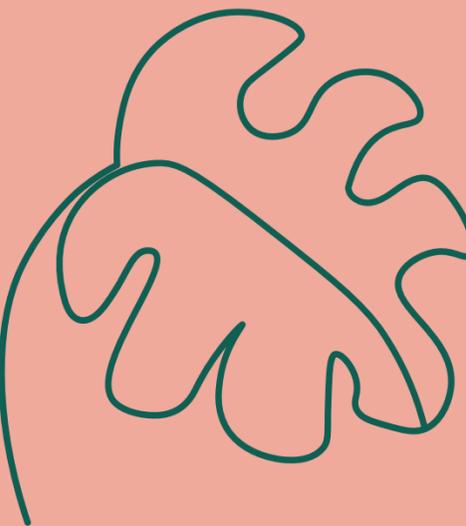
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B - 80-89%

C - 70-79%

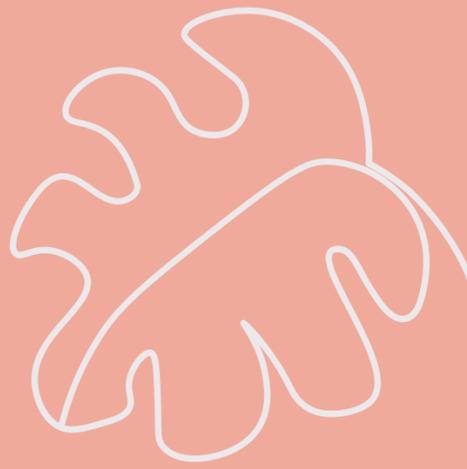
D - 60-69%

F - 59% AND LOWER

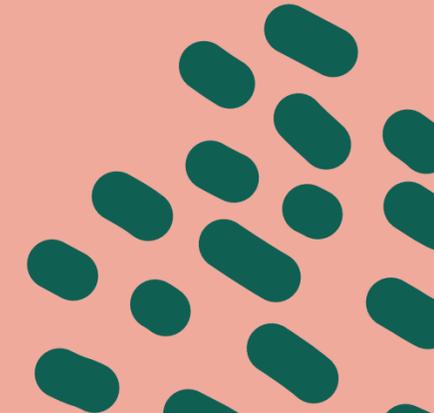


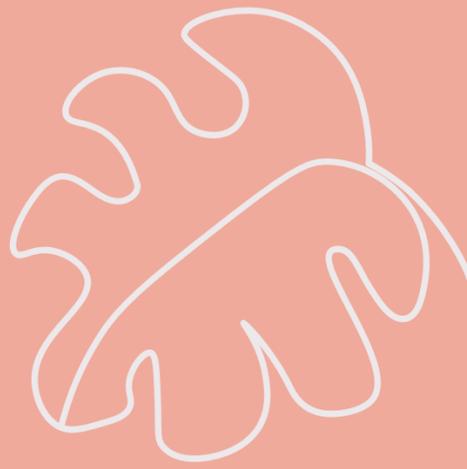
MS. NELSON'S SCHEDULE

| Class Periods | A Days | B Days |
|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| Period 1 | EL Building Level Representative Prep - 101 G-A | Newcomer Business |
| Advisory WIN | Advisory - 119E WIN - 101 G-A | |
| Period 2 | Prep - 101 G-A | EL ELA IV - 101 G-A |
| Period 3 | EL ELA IV - 101 G-A | Closed SH - 103M |
| Period 4 | Newcomer English - 101 G-A | Prep - 101 G-A |



COURSE MATERIALS

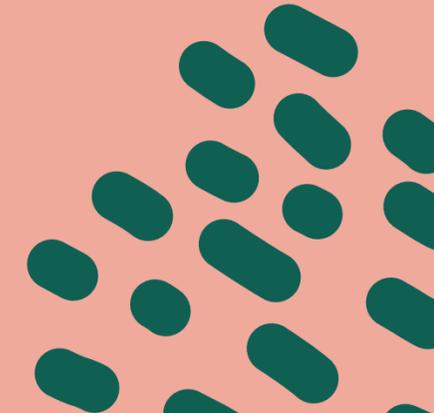
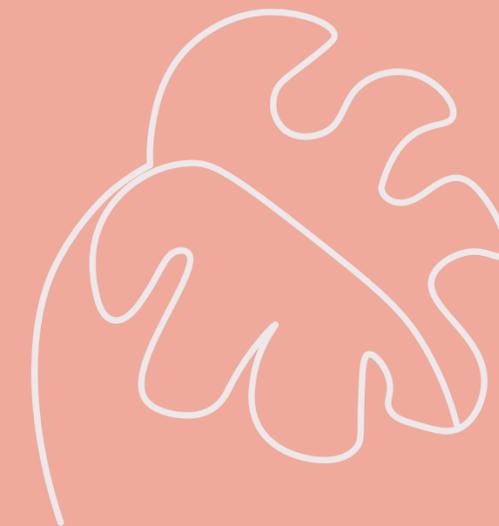
- **iPad:** Please ensure your iPad and charged and ready for use.
 - **Folder:** You may leave your folder in our class bin or keep track of it yourself.
 - **Pencil or Pen**
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COURSE DESCRIPTION



EL Language Arts IV is designed to build students' speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills in English as well as the content of Language Arts. All coursework is designed to meet North Dakota English Language Arts 9-12 Standards and WIDA standards.





COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Use and understand the conventions of written English
 - Develop grade-level academic English vocabulary
 - Understand how structure affects the message of writing and speech
 - Develop the skills to communicate effectively
 - Read, interpret, analyze, and compare a variety of texts
 - Develop interpersonal skills through working in a variety of group formats
 - Achieve the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and strategies necessary to succeed in high school, college, and the work world after graduation
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UNITS OVERVIEW

Quarter 1 Units:

- Unit 1: Fiction Analysis - Short Stories
- Unit 2: Plagiarism and Academic Integrity
- Unit 3: Narrative Writing

Quarter 2 Units:

- Unit 4: Poetry and Figurative Language
- Unit 5: Historical Perspectives - Drama
- Unit 6: Informative Writing/Informal Presentation

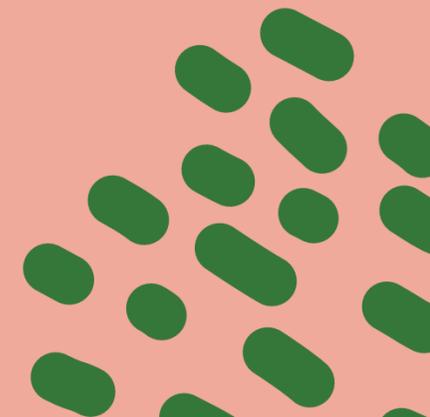
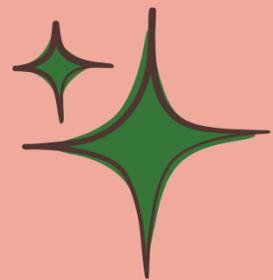
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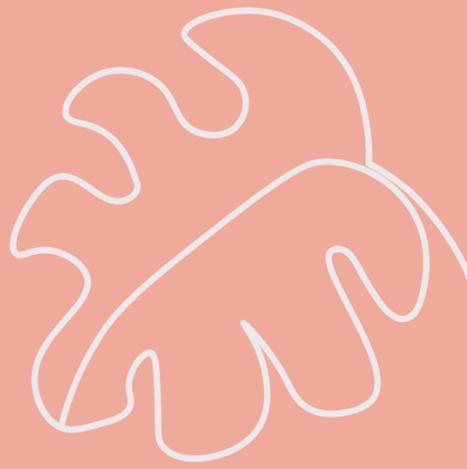
- Unit 7: Nonfiction Analysis
- Unit 8: Persuasive Writing

Quarter 4 Units:

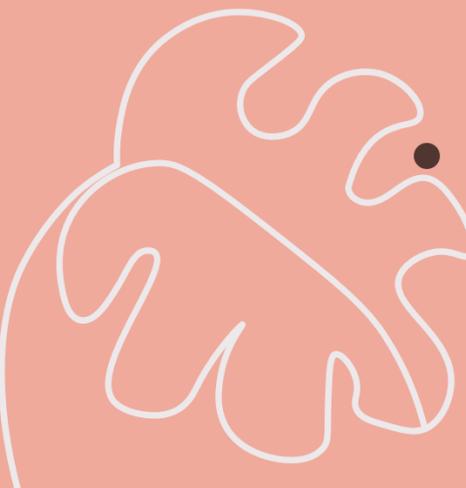
- Unit 9: Character Development Through Fiction - Novel Study
- Unit 10: Formal Presentation

MS. NELSON'S POLICIES





LATE WORK POLICY

- All late work must be submitted by end of unit assessment.
 - I will accept late work for full credit, but you must complete my late work form before I will grade it. Furthermore, late work will not be graded immediately. If you turn in an assignment late, I can take up to the end of the quarter to grade it.
 - 0s will be entered in PowerSchool for all missing work. The only way to remove the 0 is to turn in your assignment.
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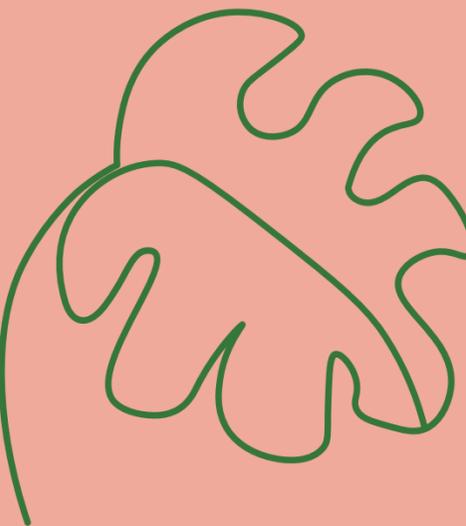
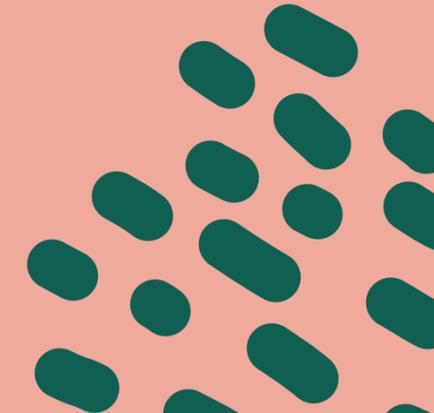


REDO POLICY

- I will consider redos/corrections on a case-by-case basis.
 - If you are interested in redoing an assignment or test, please email me.
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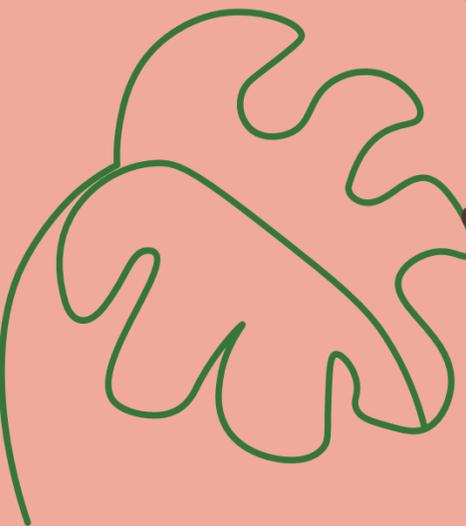
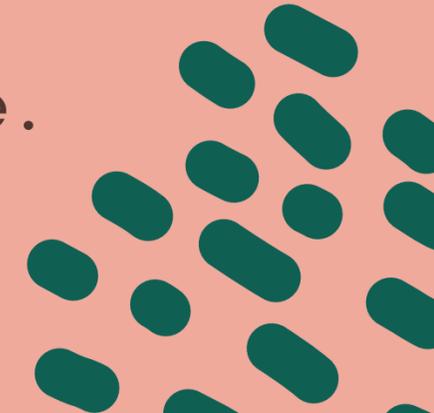


ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Please let the front office and your teachers know if you will be gone.
 - You will not earn credit for a class if you miss 10 or more times.
 - If you are gone, please check Schoology to see what you missed.
 - If you are late for class, you will be marked UT.
 - If you are late more than 20 minutes, you will be marked UV.
 - Please see Student Handbook for additional information.
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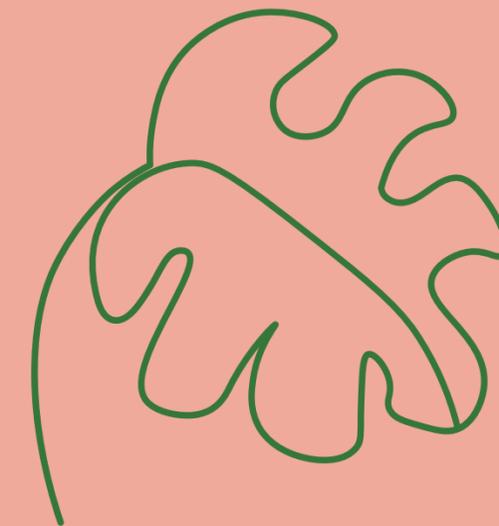
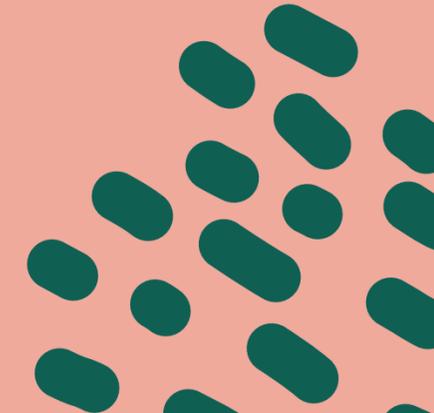
CELLPHONE POLICY

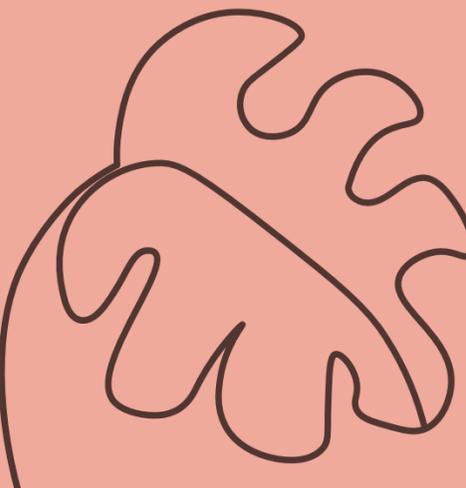
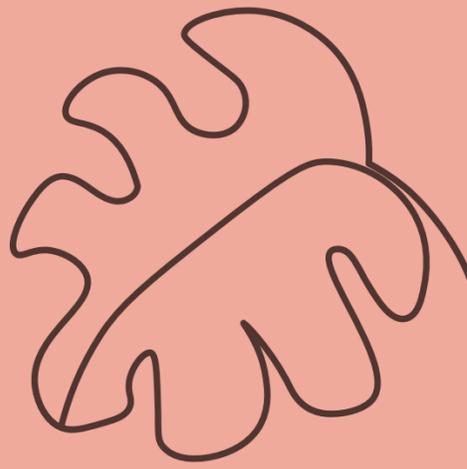
- Cellphones must be out-of-sight and out-of-use during school hours.
 - You may NOT use your phone between classes and at lunch.
 - You must go to the office and use their phone to call home. You may not take calls during class.
 - Your backpack (with your phone in it) remains in the classroom when you go to the bathroom.
 - If I see your phone, I will take it and bring to the office.
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HEADPHONE/AIRPOD POLICY

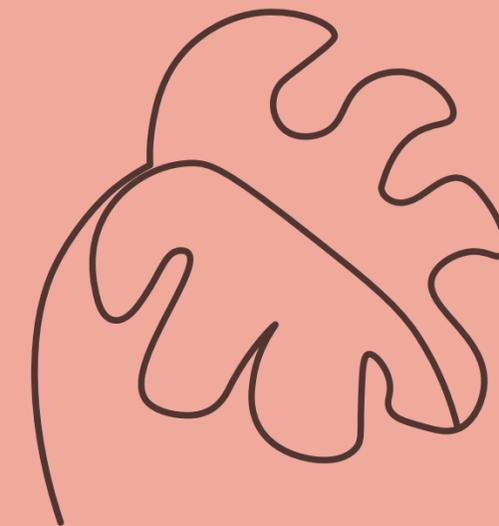
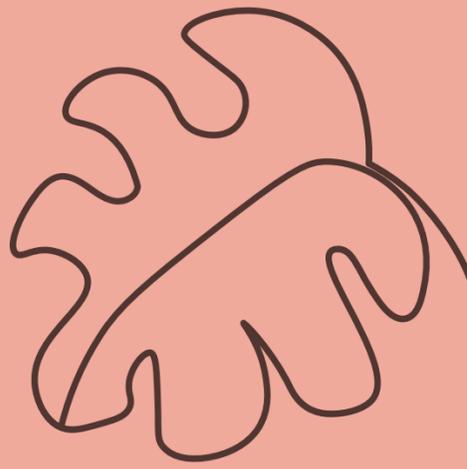


- AirPods are never allowed. No exceptions.
 - You may use my headphones for assignments that require them or to listen to music on your iPad during individual work time.
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FOOD/DRINK POLICY

- All drinks must have a non-spillable lid.
- If you bring a drink without a lid, I will take the drink and set it on my desk until the end of class.
- You can have food if it does not make a mess.
- If you leave crumbs or wrappers on our classroom floor, you will lose your privileges permanently. No warnings will be given. If you leave a mess **even one time**, your in-class food privileges are gone for the rest of the year. PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!



HALLPASS POLICY

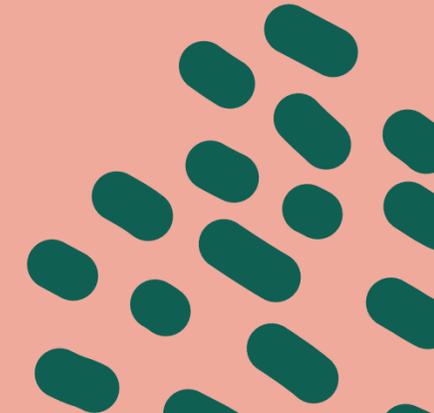
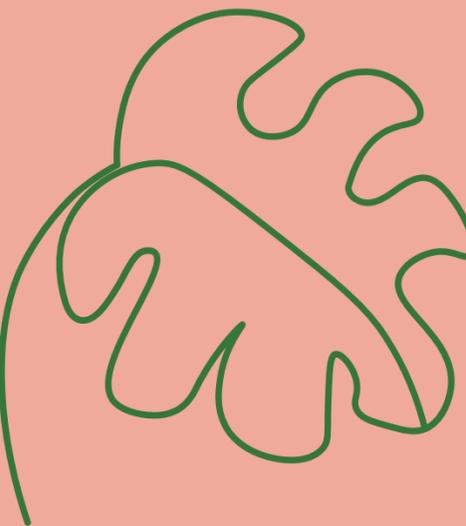
- You must use SecurlyPass to leave the room.
- Limit of 2 students out at a time.
- Hallpass privileges may be restricted if you do not use your passes appropriately.
- Store passes are not allowed and your pass must be for the location you set it as.
- Hallpasses will not be accepted in the first 15 or last 15 minutes of class.
- **Your backpack MUST remain in class when you go to the bathroom.**
- Bathroom passes should be about 5 minutes long. If your pass is over 10 minutes, you will lose hallpass privileges for 2 weeks.



PLAGIARISM/AI POLICY



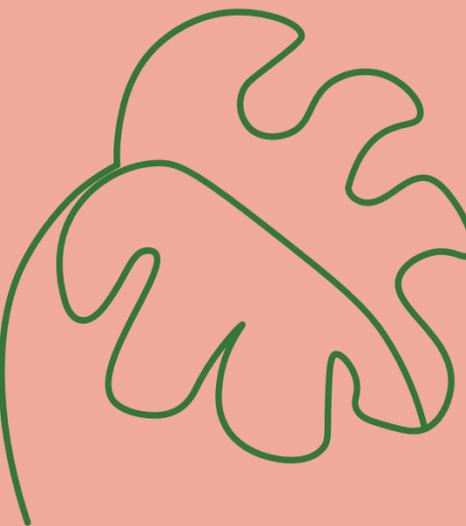
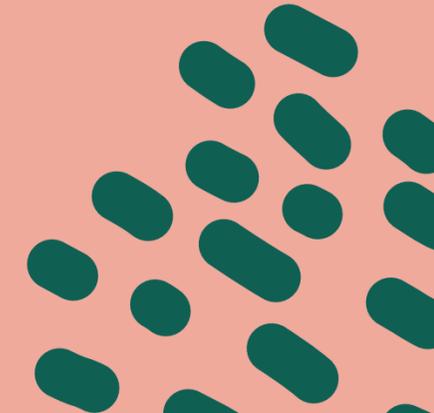
Plagiarism is wrong. This means you should not copy someone else's work or ideas and say they are yours. Show the same respect you would want for your own hard work. Do not copy and paste sentences from the internet, a textbook, or any other source. You must use your own words (this is called paraphrasing) or give credit to the source (this is called (citing)). Copying from another student or letting someone copy from you is cheating. This will result in zero points for both students. This also includes using AI, like ChatGPT, Google Gemini, etc. If you are found to have cheated, your principal will be contacted. If the cheating continues, contact will be made with your guardians.





BORROWING HEADPHONES, IPAD PENS, CHARGERS POLICY

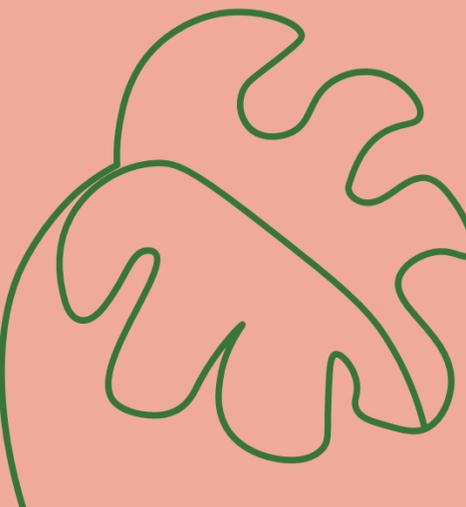
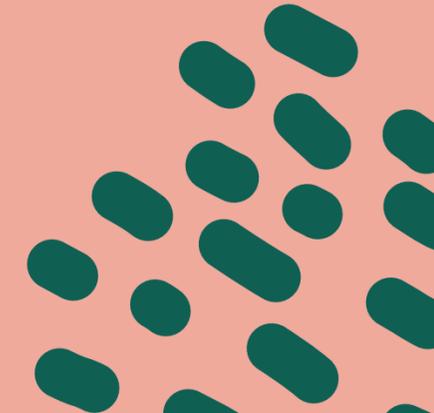


- To use classroom headphones or iPad pens outside of our classroom, you must trade me your phone.
 - Ms. Nelson's chargers must remain in the classroom at all times.
 - Before class ends, all chargers must be returned to the correct locations before you can leave.
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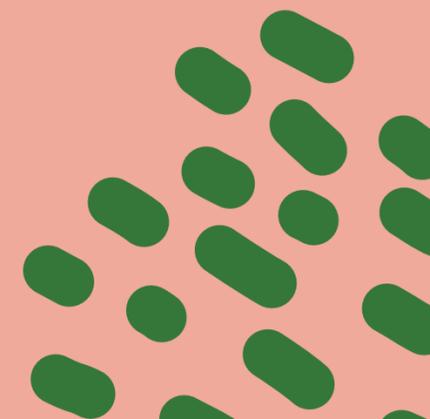
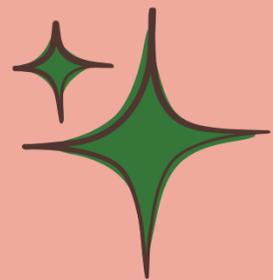
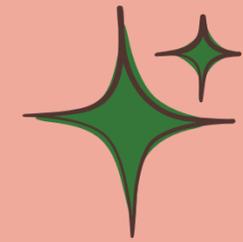


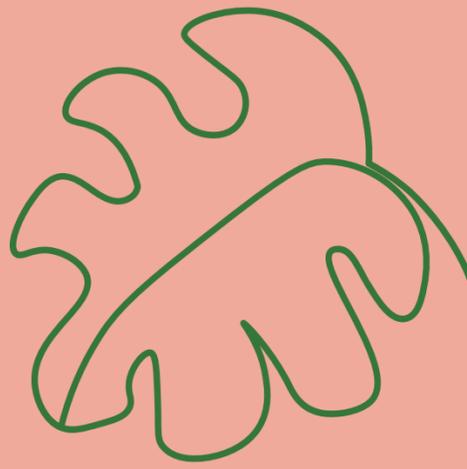
IPAD CHARGING POLICY



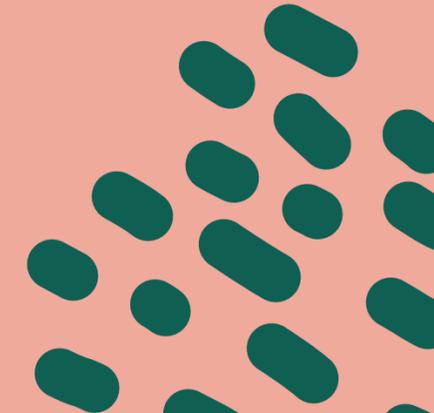
- Utilize the outlets under the desks to charge your iPads.
 - This classroom used to be a computer lab. Therefore, we have plenty of outlets scattered across the room and there is **no need** for you to move to a new spot to charge your device.
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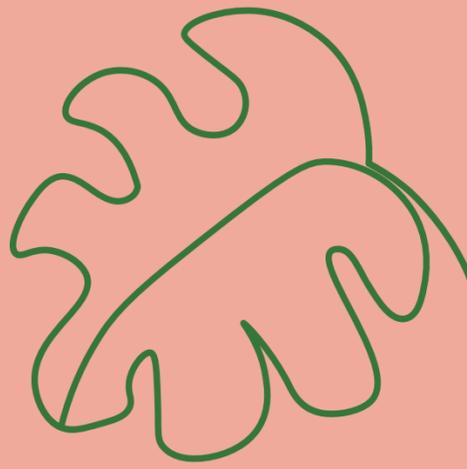
CLASSROOM PROCEDURES



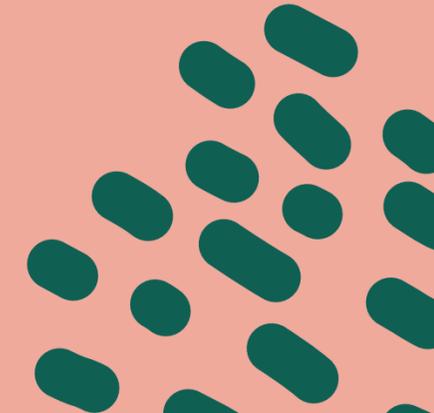


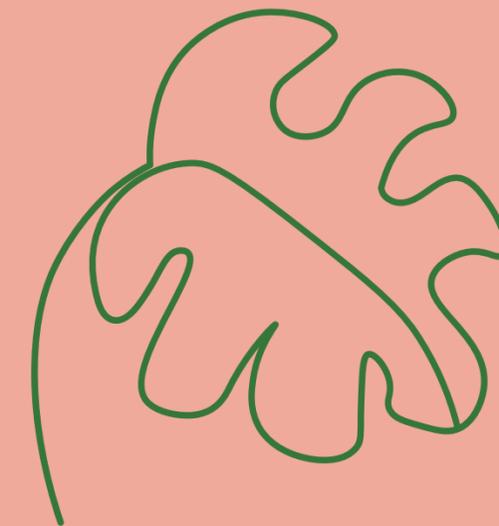
BEGINNING OF CLASS

- Make sure you have all your required class materials.
 - By the time the bell rings, be in your assigned seat and begin working on your Bell Work assignment.
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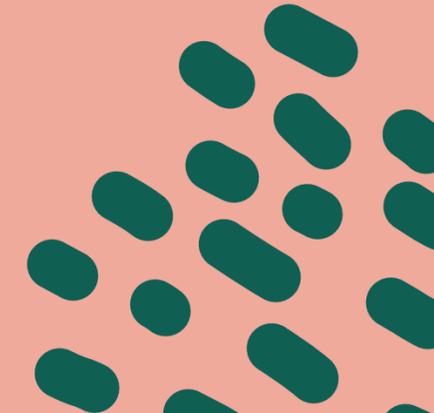
DURING CLASS: MS. NELSON TEACHING



- Do not talk over Ms. Nelson while she is teaching or over your classmates when they are sharing their work.
 - Do not interrupt instruction to ask for a hallpass unless it is an emergency.
 - Raise your hand if you have a question.
 - If we are not using iPads, your iPad must be closed.
 - If we are using iPads, you should only be in the app we are currently using. No Youtube – even if you put it in the corner of your screen!!!
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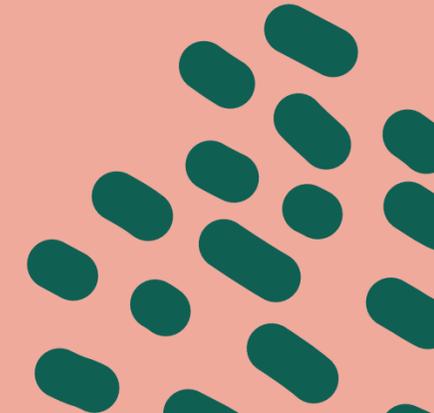
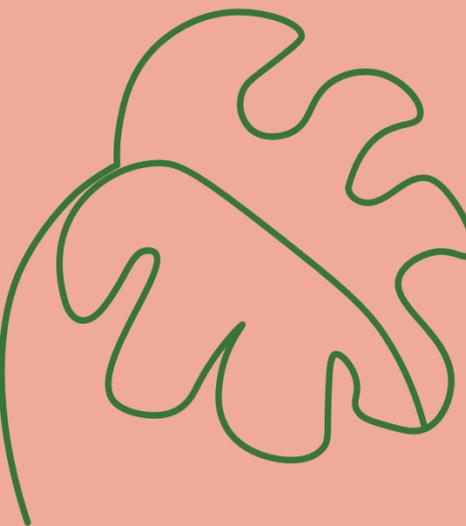


DURING CLASS: INDIVIDUAL WORK

- You may listen to music on your iPad with headphones.
 - AirPods *MUST* be connected to your iPad and not your phone.
 - Do not talk to/distract other students around you.
 - Raise your hand if you need help. If Ms. Nelson is assisting another student, please wait patiently for her to assist you.
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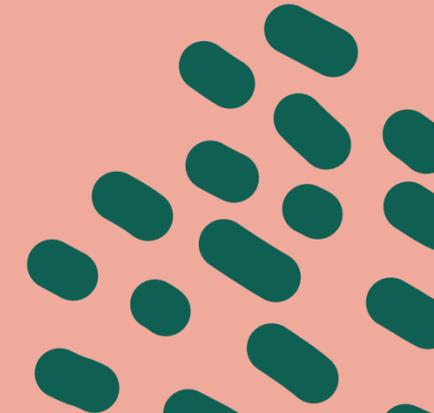


DURING CLASS: PARTNER/GROUP WORK

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- DO NOT USE AIRPODS/HEADPHONES!
 - You may talk to your partner or group members.
Do not talk to other students.
 - Make sure all group members are included.
 - All members need to do their fair share of work.
 - If Ms. Nelson is assisting another group, do not interrupt her. Wait patiently for your turn.
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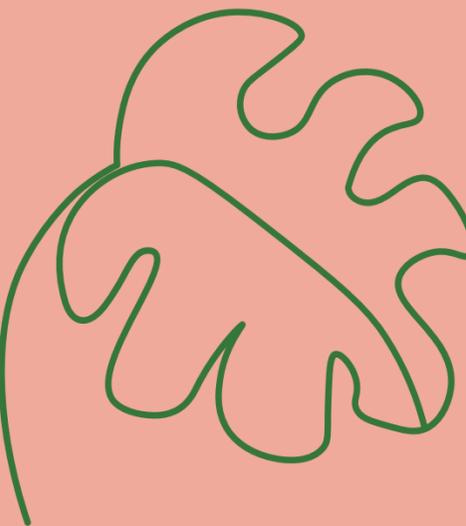
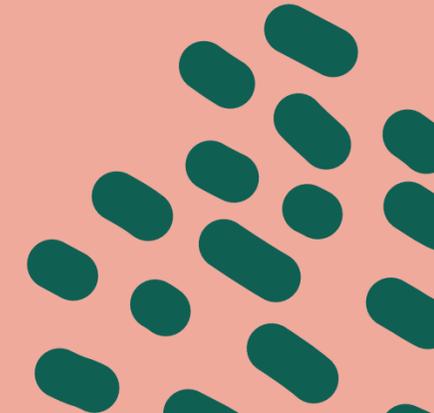


END OF CLASS

- **Do not pack up early.** Wait until the last 3 minutes of class to begin packing up your materials.
 - Put away all materials in their correct locations.
 - Make sure the area around and near your desk is clean.
 - Push in your chair before you leave.
 - Do not line up at the door. You must stay near your assigned area until the bell rings.
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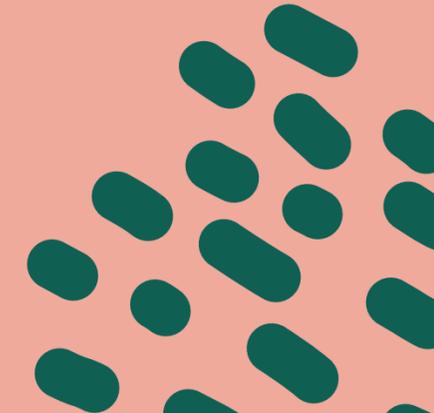


TESTS/QUIZZES

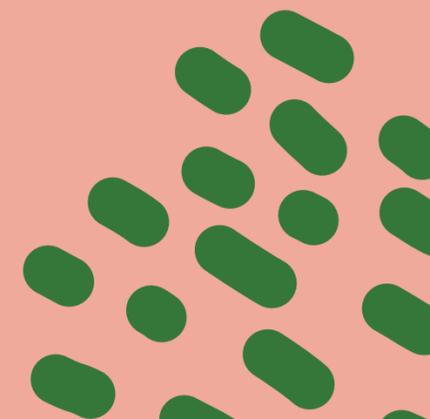
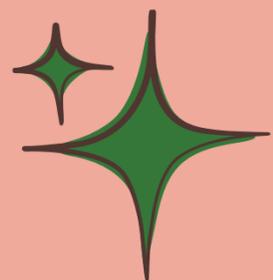
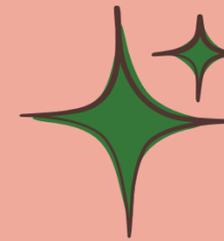
- You may not talk to other classmates during a test or quiz. This includes when you are finished and waiting for others to finish.
 - Apple Classroom will be used to monitor Schoology quizzes/tests.
 - If you refuse to join, you may take a paper copy of the assessment, but you must turn in all technology (iPad and phone) before taking the test.
 - During paper quizzes/tests, iPads and other technology **MUST** be put away.
 - You will receive a 0 if you are caught using your phone and/or iPad.
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PRESENTATIONS

- Be a good audience member. Do not talk/sleep/use your iPad while a classmate is presenting.
 - 10 points of your presentation grade is based on your behavior as an audience member.
 - Points will be deducted if you talk during presentations.
 - Points will be deducted if you attempt to use your iPad during a presentation.
 - Points will be deducted if you sleep during a presentation.
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PACKER PROCESS



MS. NELSON'S PACKER PROCESS



COMPASSION IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Show compassion for your classmates, your teacher, and yourself.
- Use kind, school-appropriate language in the classroom.
- Always remember: It's okay to be mad but NEVER okay to be mean.
- Be respectful and considerate to all classroom members in your speech and actions.

COLLABORATION IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Do your fair share in group projects.
- Participation is required. You must participate in all classroom activities.
- Follow Ms. Nelson's posted classroom procedures for beginning of class/end of class, instruction, individual work, group work, quizzes/tests, and presentations.

RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Come to class on time with all required materials.
- Turn in your assignments in a timely manner.
- Fill out the late work form if you are turning in an assignment late.
- Regularly check your school email and our Schoology class page.
- Keep your work area neat and tidy. If you make a mess, pick up after yourself.
- Follow all school-wide and classroom policies outlined in the course syllabus.

RESILIENCE IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Be patient with yourself and others.
- Mistakes are a normal part of the learning process. Do not make fun of others for making mistakes.
- Sign up for a WIN session if you need extra help with the class.
- Keep a positive mindset about your learning journey.