

WELCOME TO ENGLISH!!

I hope you'll enjoy the class as much as I do. We will study grammar, vocabulary, essay writing, short stories, the novel, and poetry. You will purchase most of your books at the school bookstore during orientation. You should already have copies of *Watership Down* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Here is a list of our books for the fall semester.

Holt Third Course Elements of Literature

Warriner's Holt Handbook: Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, Sentences

Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary Workshop New Edition

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

PARENTS

- BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS **PAPER AND A PEN OR PENCIL** in class every day. A student may not borrow from a friend although I will gladly replace a broken pencil or a pen that has just run dry. I know this sounds Draconian, but constant borrowing becomes tiresome.
- BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS **SOME SORT OF NOTEBOOK** that is reserved exclusively for this class.

STUDENTS

- YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF THE CALENDAR for insertion in your notebook and show it to me on the first school day of the month. This calendar is available on the spx website.
- YOU MUST HAVE **THE DAY'S REQUIRED BOOK** in class or risk detention. The name of the required book is always listed on the calendar.

I also beg parents to send in a box of **tissues**. We'll stockpile these for ongoing use. It's amazing how often kids need tissues, and I can't supply them for everyone.

This is the method I will use to calculate **grades**:

Tests--	25%
Quizzes--	15%
Homework--	15%
Writing, including Outlines and First Drafts--	25%
Final Exam--	20%

Following an excused absence, you may turn in **late work** according to the arrangement you make with me. Students are responsible for initiating this process. Otherwise, I accept late work at a loss of ten points per day. I offer extra credit on almost every test or quiz, but students may not earn extra credit through projects. The course expectations should keep everyone adequately busy

I am available on Tuesday and Thursday after school if you need **extra help**. Parents or sick students may **contact me** at school at stockard@spx.org. I am readily available and will respond quickly through e-mail. If you like to check up on your child's grades, you will be able to through the Net Classroom. You can help your child by ensuring that he works hard. **Placement for sophomore year** depends largely on this semester's performance. Please let me know how I can help you. I look forward to working with everyone.
Carrie Stockard

STUDENTS MUST KEEP THE ABOVE SHEET AS THE FIRST PAGE OF THEIR NOTEBOOKS. I will keep a record of these signatures in my grade book.

Student's signature _____ Parent's signature _____