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Welcome to 6th Grade English!

Mrs. Jones

Introduction

This year will be full of new and exciting things. There will be student choice that empowers students to take ownership of their learning. During class, my goal is to help students build their knowledge and skills to pursue their individual passions, interests, and future. One of my favorite books for teaching is called *Empower: What Happens When Students Own Their Learning*. A great quote from it says, "Our job as teachers is not to prepare students for 'something;' our job is to help students to **prepare themselves for anything.**" Students will learn how to be proactive with their learning, cultivate their passions through perseverance, and learn to view failures as an opportunity to grow and gain further knowledge & perspective.

Website

Please go to: jonesexploration.weebly.com This website is my main form of communication for assignments and events. You will find assignment due dates, upcoming events, policies, PowerSchool link to view grades, links to educational resources we use at school, and more!

Assignments

The main assignments will be posted on the class website. If students are using their time wisely, everything can be finished during class time. If your child is consistently bringing home too much English homework, please contact me and we can work together to find a solution.

Redoing Assignments

Students will have **one week** after an assignment is due to redo it for FULL credit. Fill out the "REDONE" sheet and staple it to your assignment (copies are in the classroom or you can find it on the website). **Anything handed in past one week will not be accepted.** ~ *The redo policy only goes for assignments that were completed and handed in on time. Incomplete assignments handed in will not be able to receive full credit when redone, however, can receive some credit (see the "Late Work Policy" below).*

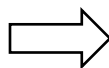
Absent Work

Madison School District states that students have 2 days to make up work for each day missed. For example, if a student missed 2 days of school, he/she will have 4 days to make up the missed work for full credit. Be sure to fill out the "ABSENT" sheet and staple it to your assignments (copies are in the classroom or you can find it on the website).

If work is not handed in by the make-up due date, students will still have one week to receive a late grade of 75%. Anything handed in after that will receive zero credit. Each assignment builds on each other and contributes to our class discussions, so it is crucial to stay on top of the work.

Late Work

Life happens...so I do accept late work! If an assignment is handed in within **one week** from the time it was due, students will receive 75% credit of the graded score. Any assignment handed in past that will no longer be accepted, and will receive zero credit. Again, each assignment builds on each other and contributes to our class discussions, so it is crucial to stay on top of the work. Please be sure to fill out the "LATE WORK" sheet and staple it to your assignments (copies are in the classroom or you can find it on the website).



Grades

- I communicate students' grades daily through PowerSchool. Please check this often to take advantage of the opportunities to redo work or to hand things in before late due dates!
- There is an AWESOME PowerSchool App to check grades, or you can sign up for emails to be automatically sent to you with a quick look at current grades.
- If any assignments receive less than 100%, I will typically leave a comment explaining why (please note that you must click on the assignment grade letter in order to view teacher comments).
- When absent or late work is handed in, it may take up to one week to be entered into PowerSchool.
- If you need your PowerSchool username & password, contact Madison Middle School's office #208-359-3320.



6th Grade Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Warning Bell.....	8:30
Late Bell/Bell Work.....	8:35
Block 1.....	8:40-10:00
Block 2.....	10:05-11:20
Snack/Break.....	11:20-11:30
Encore.....	11:30-12:15
Encore.....	12:20-1:05
Lunch.....	1:05-1:45
Block 3.....	1:50-3:10
Homework Time.....	3:10-3:25
Dismissal.....	3:25

Friday (Early Out)

Warning Bell.....	8:30
Late Bell/Bell Work.....	8:35
Block 1.....	8:40-9:45
Block 2.....	9:50-10:55
Block 3.....	11:00-12:05
Lunch.....	12:05-12:50
Encore.....	12:55-1:25
Encore.....	1:30-2:00
Dismissal.....	2:00

Contact

I would love to meet with you! If you have questions, concerns, or would simply like to see how things are going for your child, let's make it happen. **To ensure we are able to meet**, please email or call to schedule a time **before** coming in. In the past, I have had to turn parents away due to various meetings I have before & after school, or other scheduled parent meetings. To schedule a time, you can email or call. I check my email at least once a day during school hours, or you may call before or after school. **Phone:** 208-359-3320 **Email:** jones@msd321.com

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Please sign to show you have read & understand the information on both sides of this page.

Student Full Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

*Please return this **entire sheet** to Mrs. Jones! If you would like your own copy, it is on the website or you can ask your child to bring one home—they are in the "Extra Copies Bin" in the classroom.*