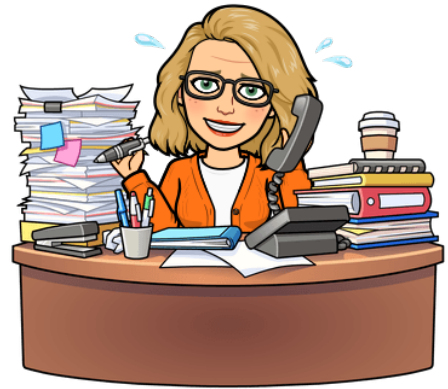


ENGLISH 6

From the Desk of Mrs. Mary Blow

September 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to middle school. We successfully completed our first week, and I want to thank you for your support in enforcing safety guidelines while in school. The information is key to your child's success this year.

Attendance

Attendance is important. English class is 85 minutes long. Missing one class is equivalent to missing two days of instruction. Students who are absent find it challenging to make up that amount of instruction. Please encourage your child to see me before homeroom if he or she is absent, and we will devise a plan for getting caught up.

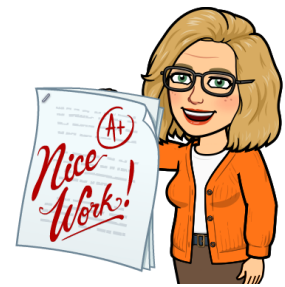
Communication Options

When parents and teachers communicate regularly, students are more successful. The following options are offered to support you:

1. [Mrs. Blow's English website](#) contains parent information, class news, student book reviews, etc.
2. [Mrs. Blow's Phone App](#) is a mini-website compatible with cell phones. This way, you have updated information at your fingertips. Bookmark the following link on your phone: <https://tinyurl.com/BlowClassApp>
3. [SchoolTool](#), our online grade book, allows you to track your child's grades. If you don't have access, contact the middle school for a password. Teachers have a grade book code for tracking missing homework:
 - a. Zero: the assignment was not handed in. Absent students temporarily receive zeros to identify the assignment and back work they missed.
 - b. One: the assignment was completed, but scored a zero. This often happens when students hurry or don't follow directions. Some assignments may be corrected; others cannot, as they are reviewed in class.
4. [Email](#): I respond to emails as soon as my schedule allows. If you don't hear from me by the end of a school day, please try again. It means I did not receive the email or it got by me in a flood of emails.
5. **Phone**: You can call me at school between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
6. [Remind](#): please join the 6th-Grade (2020-2021) group. The 6th-grade teachers often text parents regarding important events: parent letters, field trips resort cards, book sales, assemblies, parent conferences, etc.

Homework Expectations

Most assignments are completed in class. This way, I can provide extra support if necessary. Work completed at home should not require your help. If your child is struggling with homework, please contact me, and we will devise a plan.



Students are required to read at least 20 minutes each day from an outside reading book (ORB), a book of your child's choosing. An ORB project is assigned each quarter. Since I do not see students on a daily basis, it may require prompting on your part to keep your child reading.

It is important that homework is completed on time because it is often used in class activities the next day. If an assignment is not turned in, I will send an email reminder to your child. If a second email is required, I will email you as well.

Grading System

Assignments and quizzes are weighted equally because they are equally important. Students who complete assignments perform better on tests and quizzes. Sometimes lengthier projects are worth two grades, giving your child credit for the extra work.

At the end of the year, all students will take a final exam (20% of your child's overall grade). The best way to prepare for this type of test is for your child to attend class regularly and complete assignments to the best of his or her ability throughout the year.

Behavior

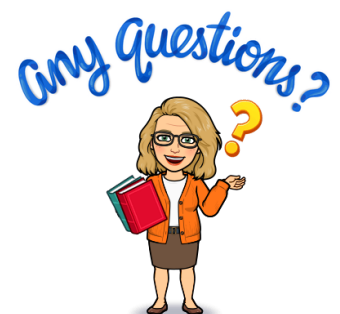
Occasionally, a child struggles with making wise decisions. We all have bad days, so I view these as teachable moments. However, if negative behaviors persist, there will be consequences. Depending on the situation, the following actions may occur: 1) move the child's seat, 2) provide time in the hallway to reflect or to minimize class distractions, or 3) sent to the office. I will call home if problems are serious or persist.

Recognition & Rewards

It is important to recognize students for their efforts: demonstrating positive classroom behaviors, producing quality homework, and completing assignments on time. Students who meet these expectations are rewarded with fun activities.

Contact Information

If you have any concerns or information that impacts your child's education, please contact me. With our combined efforts, I am confident that your child will have a successful year. You may contact me by phone or e-mail: (315) 376-9010 x1221 or email mblow@lowvilleacademy.org.



English Language Arts 6

Mrs. Blow / 2020-2021 Parent Letter

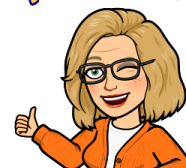
Your signature indicates that you received this information. Please sign and detach this page from the packet. Have your child return it to Mrs. Blow during English class or drop it off in the class Drop Box. Feel free to me at any time with questions or concerns: 315-376-9010 x1221.

1. Is your child a Raider or Nation student? Please check one:

Raider: _____

Nation: _____

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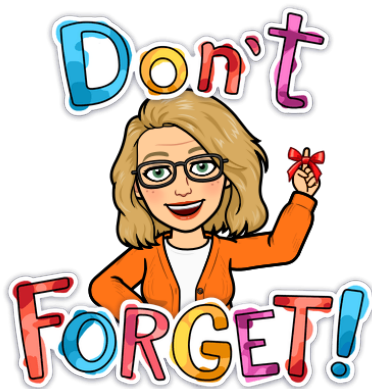


2. Which period does your child attend in-person English classes -- not study hall or AIS? Please check one:

1A _____

2A _____

3C _____



(Student First & Last Name)

(Parent Signature)

Thank you for your time and support.

Best,
Mrs. Blow

