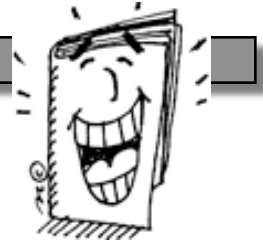


Seventh Grade Communication Arts



Mr. Cleland

Introduction: Welcome to seventh grade communication arts at Cedarcrest Junior High School. In communication arts we will exert a great amount of energy and time improving reading, writing, and higher-level thinking skills. You will be challenged and intrigued in this class. This class is designed to help you be a competent high-level thinker and learner. I am excited to spend this time with you and look forward to our journey.



Expectations and discipline: It is expected that we treat others and the learning environment with respect. The rules of the classroom need to be followed by all members of the class at all

times. The rules are posted in the classroom for your reference and, in essence, establish the expectation that you actively engage in the learning process and that you do not impede the learning environment with misbehaviors. It is expected that you come to class on time with necessary supplies and completed homework, and that you come ready to learn and contribute. I welcome parental support and input. When necessary I will use the Cedarcrest step disciplinary system that can be found in the student agendas.

Required materials:

- ★ pens (red and blue or black) and pencils
- ★ paper [loose leaf and a spiral notebook (70 pages)]
- ★ agenda, completed homework, and positive attitude

Grades: Grades are one way we equate your learning. Your grade will be based on assessment (80%) and homework/classwork (20%). You can earn an A, B, C, or F in communication arts. You are expected to exert quality effort on all of your opportunities for learning. I expect all work to be turned in on time; however, I will accept late work with 50% deducted from the grade. Most assessments may be made up/redone, including absences, before or after school.

Please arrange a time to improve your learning and grade. Contact me for details.

My word to you: Out of my enthusiasm for teaching, excitement for your learning, and respect for the learning environment, I will exert great effort to help you learn and develop as a student and as an individual. You are worth my time and energy. To assist you I will do my best to teach to the best of my ability. I ask you to also exert great effort toward your learning. I plan to be available after school to assist students on Mondays and Wednesdays (except during 2nd semester when I coach). Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Contacting me: It is crucial that you know what we are learning and that you monitor your progress. I will update my SWIFT web page through Bethel's homepage (www.bethelsd.org). This will help know what happened in class. You can also check your progress and grades through parent and student access. You can contact me by email (mcleland@bethelsd.org) or by phone (683-7642). I will do my best to communicate effectively and in a timely fashion.



Thank you,

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____