

Chenango Forks Middle School
Mr. Zappia
English 8

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! As your teacher, I hope to make English class one that you look forward to attending. I hope you learn a great deal about the English language, life, and yourselves. I also hope you have some fun along the way. Here are some things that you should learn first:

Classroom Expectations

- 1. Be on time. If you are late, I need a pass or a valid reason.**
- 2. Be prepared.**
 - a. Pen and/or pencil**
 - b. Spiral notebook or writing journal**
 - c. Binder or folder with loose-leaf paper**
 - d. Reading book**
 - e. When necessary: your assignment or an iPad**
- 3. Be respectful and polite**
 - a. to the teacher.**
 - b. to your classmates.**
 - c. to property (desks, books, etc.).**
- 4. You may not talk while the teacher is talking nor interrupt other students when they are speaking.**
- 5. Only your highest quality of work will be accepted. If you hand in something that does not meet expectations, you should not expect to receive credit for it.**

Making up work

If you are absent on the day of a **test or quiz**, you are responsible for making it up. You will have ample time to make up the test or quiz, but I will not chase after you to do it. You must come to me to set up a time when work can be made up. This can be done during the remedial period, study hall, and sometimes even at home. **Homework** will be checked and is expected to be done on the day it is due. **Essays and projects** are only accepted the day they are due, barring illnesses or emergencies. In that sense, you cannot owe work that you never attempted.

Remedial Period

You may be assigned to come to this class for the remedial period at any time. If you would like to come in on your own to make up or get help with English work, you must get a pass from me during the day. In other words, do not expect to come in at the end of the day and be allowed to stay. The remedial period is still school time, and it is a great way to get caught up on things.

Electronics

When devices such as iPads are needed, you will be notified in advance. You will not need a cell phone for this class.

Participation

Participation in class is mandatory. You are expected to take part in all discussions, and you should be prepared to be called upon at any time.

Attitude

There are some things I want you to bring to class that you cannot buy in a store. I want you to be willing to:

- ✓ listen
- ✓ smile
- ✓ have an open mind
- ✓ think
- ✓ work
- ✓ communicate
- ✓ cooperate

Make it a good year!

Other classroom procedures will be covered in class. We have a lot to accomplish, and I hope you enjoy a safe and productive year. We will have to work together to make this year a success.