

Cedar Bluff Middle School
English Language Learners
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Welcome to ELL class. I am happy to be your child's teacher this year. It is my seventh year here at Cedar Bluff Middle School. My goal is to provide your student with the best possible education and resources and to support you and your family in your quest to learn English.

COURSE OUTCOME:

Course Description: The ELL Curriculum Framework for middle school students emphasizes the development of literacy in English through instruction in the skill areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. The links to the ELL curriculum and the link to the WIDA standards, adopted by the State of Tennessee, may be found on the ELL Department webpage of the new Knox County Schools website at www.knoxschools.org.

INSTRUCTION: Topics and General Pacing: The Curriculum Framework for 6-8 grade ELLs can be found on the department web page

Materials Needed: For this course, students will need the following materials:

- One spiral bound notecard
- 1 pack of 3 X 5 index cards - ruled
- One binder
- Wide-Ruled Notebook paper
- Year long supply of pencils and pencil top erasers
- Mechanical pencils preferred
- Post its one pack

Resources:

Course Textbook: Inside Levels: Inside the U.S.A. , A/B/C Additional Resources: Resources in addition to the textbook may be used to enhance student learning.

Audio Visual Material- Appropriate and curriculum-related videos/clips/DVDs/websites approved by Knox County Schools may be used in class to help students understand the unit content. We use ipads in the classroom as well as the computer labs. Apps currently being used are: Starfall, Duolingo, Notability, Book Creator, MyOn, MathPro, Science Pro and AlgebraPro, StripDesign, and SpellCity. Websites we use are: Newsela.com, Abcya, Quia, Quizlet, Sadlier Oxford, Kahoot and Randall's ESL cafe.

ALL audio/visual and supplemental resources will be used in compliance with Knox County Schools IFAB policy.

ASSESSMENT:

Grading Policy: The ELL class uses the Knox County Schools grading scale. Grading Scale:

A: 100-93 B: 92-85

C: 84-77 D: 76-70 F: 69 and below

Make-Up Work/Late Work Policy: Students will be given one day's grace. Then, work will lose 10% of its value one time. I do not continue to take points off. Work that is over 30 days late will not be accepted. The lowest grade will be dropped and tests and quizzes may be curved.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS: All students are expected to follow school and district policies as outlined in the student agenda.

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to:

1. Be prepared (bring materials to class daily)
2. Be polite (participate in all classroom activities)
3. Respect people and things
3. Do your best! (Submit quality work)
4. Follow all classroom and school rules and abide by all class norms.

Honor Code: PLAGIARISM

According to Harbrace Handbook, 15th edition: "Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's ideas, research, or opinion as your own without proper documentation, even if it has been rephrased. It includes, but is not limited to the following: Copying verbatim all or part of another's written work; Using phrases, figures, or illustrations without citing the source; Paraphrasing ideas, conclusions, or research without citing the source; Using all or part of a literary plot, poem, or film without attributing the work to its creator."

CONSEQUENCES OF PLAGIARISM Plagiarism is a form of stealing and academic fraud. Students who are found guilty of plagiarism will have the option of either redoing the assignment within a specified time period and accepting a grade letter drop or taking a zero on the assignment. Parents should be involved in making the decision.

COMMUNICATION:

Please contact me with any concerns or questions. I am available for calls or conferences any day with 24-hour notice. You may also consult our classroom/school website and Parent Portal for additional information. Please save phone calls for *emergencies*.

Portal Post Policy:

One way in which I am able to communicate with the student and parent is through Parent Portal. I will update grades at least once per week. Please know that Parent Portal does not operate in real-time and grades can take up to 48 hours to post to parent portal once they are entered in my grade book.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE:

There are opportunities for extra help and intervention daily through our RTI2 time. Also, I will be available to help students during homeroom. Tutoring is offered by teachers either before or after school.

Sincerely,

Maria Huertas

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN ANYTHING BUT THIS PAGE!!

I have read the 2019-2020 ELL syllabus and I understand the expectations of ELL class.

Parent/Guardian name _____

Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

Student Name _____

Signature: _____

Date Signed _____