**Welcome to Mrs. Brown’s English Language Arts!**

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**Participation and assignments: Students are expected to arrive to class on time with the materials necessary for success.** Students are expected to participate daily and complete all assignments on time. Students work is expected to be neat and demonstrate their best ability. Formative assessments will represent 20% of their report card grade.

**Make-up Work:** Students should check the blog for any assignments missed due to an absence. Late work will be accepted up to three days late, losing 10 points each day. After three days, late work will no longer be accepted. Late/missing work **will not be accepted** the last week of the marking period.Students who have 75% or less of their assignments completed will no longer be eligible to turn in late work. If a student is absent, they will have as many days to make up absent work with no penalty. For example, if a student is absent for two days, they will have two days to make up the work.

**Summative Assessments:** Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of material presented in class. **Tests, quizzes, and major projects represent 80% of a student’s grade.**

**Test Retakes:** Retakes are available. Students will be notified in class and on the blog dates for retakes. **Students with missing work cannot retake a test.** Retakes are never given the last week of the marking period. Students **MUST** provide a parent signature on the original test **before** the retake. **There will be no exceptions to this requirement.**

**Blog:** The blog will keep you informed of class activities, assignments, and resources. Check it often!

You can find my blog at: <http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/brownj/>

**Email**: **This is the best way to talk to me.** You can email me with any questions or concerns at brownj@dearbornschools.org

**Parent/Student Connect: Sign up for this invaluable tool immediately!** This tool will provide you and your child with a way to monitor progress in class.

**CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY CONCERNS!**

**Classroom Environment:** Our classrooms are protected environments! This means that students will respect everyone, treat them kindly, and follow the student code of conduct. All students will participate in the Positive Behavior Intervention System established at Salina Intermediate School. Disrespectful behavior will **NOT** be tolerated. **Our goal is to assist your child in better decision making and hold them accountable for their decisions.**

**Classroom Supplies:**

**Recommended Materials for Mrs. Brown’s Class**

* **2 inch binder or a folder**
* **2 Composition Notebooks**
* **Paper**
* **Pencils**
* **Pens (Black or blue)**
* **Box of Tissue (Kleenex)**

**Suggestions for Success:** When parents, teachers, and students work together, everyone benefits. I will do everything possible to help your child grow and learn while at Salina Intermediate School and I look forward to working as a team with you.

Parents often ask, “What can I do to help my student be successful?” The following suggestions have proven successful in the past:

1. Provide a quiet place for your child to complete their homework.
2. Establish a dedicated time for homework each day-preferably a time that doesn't change except in the event of an emergency.
3. **Reinforce and hold your child accountable for your expectations of their learning and school behavior.**
4. Help your child keep their school work organized.
5. Attend parent/teacher conferences.
6. Attend your child's school related activities.
7. Contact their teacher as questions arise.
8. **Register for and check Parent Connect regularly.**

**Dearborn accepts a parent’s assertion that he or she needs language assistance without requiring additional corroboration.**

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