**English 10**

**Instructor: Mrs. Sweet**

**Room 33**

**Course Description:**

This course provides an opportunity for students to become more proficient in the basic elements of modern English, including: reading, writing, literature, language, foundational grammar, vocabulary and practical English.

Students will spend considerable time writing, learning the building blocks of language, and will cultivate an understanding of different literary genres and learn the unique language of literature.

**Materials:**

An English notebook, writing implement and your AR book are to be brought to class EVERY DAY.

**Grading:**

Students will have various writing assignments throughout the semester, from shorter, more informal journal entries to longer more well developed essays etc., which will account for 30% of the quarter grade.

Students will be given participation grades for their contributions to class discussions and for oral presentations, as well as in-class assignments/ homework (note-taking, listening guides etc.), group work, as well as tests and quizzes over assigned reading, vocabulary and films etc. which will make up another 35% of the quarter grade.

Students will be given an Accelerated Reader grade each quarter. Students will be required to accumulate a minimum of 15 AR points each quarter. Accelerated Reader will be 10% of the quarter grade. (Any time a student scores 35% or lower on an AR quiz, he/she will have 3 points deducted from his/her AR point total for that quarter.)

New this school year… Students will be given a weekly attendance grade which will account for 25% of the quarter grade.

A Semester test / project / writing assignment will be given… All students will participate…

**Late Assignments / Academic Integrity:**

Assignments are to be handed in at the beginning of the period on the day that they are due (unless otherwise stipulated by me). Thirty Percentage points will be deducted from assignments turned in by 4:30 (the end of the class day). All assignments received after 4:30 will receive half credit unless the student has an excused absence. With an excused absence appropriate time will be granted to make up late assignments as outlined in the student handbook.

If you choose to copy another student’s work, or are not actively participating in group work you will split the credit on that assignment. (You get 50% and the person you are copying gets 50%.)

Cheating and plaigerism of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment and appropriate disciplinary action.

**Class Rules:**

1. Be Respectful. Disrespect of yourself, others, school property etc. will not be tolerated.
2. Be Nice. You do not have the right to make anyone else feel uncomfortable in the classroom.
3. Be Responsible. It is your responsibility to complete the work in this class, and to obtain assignments and materials that you may have missed due to absence.
4. Be Prepared. Come to class prepared to learn with all necessary books and supplies.
5. No food or beverage (other than water) is allowed in the classroom.

I have discussed the classroom procedures with your child, but hope that you will also go over these procedures together. By reading and signing the above classroom rules and procedures your child is agreeing to be held accountable for their actions in the classroom. I look forward to working with you to make this a successful year for your child.

Sincerely,

Jessica Sweet

Student’s Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(You will receive a grade for reading, understanding, and returning this letter.)

EXTRA CREDIT:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME AND RELATION TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BEST NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BEST TIME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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