

Welcome to Miss Gross' 8th grade communication arts *enrichment* class!

CLASSROOM GUIDELINES:

Here are a few items you should know to help you become familiar with the daily routine of our classroom.

Entering the Classroom: Once you get to the classroom, you are asked to wait in a line outside of the classroom. I will let you know when you can enter the classroom.

Come Prepared: We do not have a book for this class, but I do ask that you bring certain materials to class with you every day. Every day you do not bring any necessary item to class, you will receive a strike. After you receive 3 strikes in a quarter, you will be given a referral to Mr. Miller.

- ☒ Pencil/Pen (any color: not neon)
- ☒ Homework
- ☒ Enrichment Folder

Enrichment Folder: Any information you will get from me will be in the form of hand-outs. So, you'll need a folder or trapper/file folder to keep these hand-outs together.

Warm Up: At the beginning of every class we will do a warm up regarding theater terminology and history. I will present a reflection question on the board to which you will answer. Once everyone has answered that question, we will discuss the answer. These questions need to be kept together in your folder so that I can check for completion as needed.

Arriving Late: Students will be marked late to class if they enter the room after the bell has rung. You must be in your seat immediately upon entering the class. Even if students go to the bathroom in the passing period, it is expected that they arrive back to class in acceptable amount of time. More than 5 minutes late to class due to bathroom breaks will not be acceptable.

Leaving the Classroom: In order to leave the classroom, students must receive permission from me and sign out on the log sheet located at the front of the classroom.

Restroom: I ask that you try to reserve bathroom breaks for passing periods between classes. If you MUST use the bathroom after the class has started, you will need to give the bathroom signal, and wait until I acknowledge that it is a good time for you to leave the classroom.

Getting Out of Your Seat: You are expected to stay in your seat unless given permission, otherwise. There will be TONS of times when you are asked to move around the classroom; do not worry.

Windows: The windows should not be played with. The teacher is the only person who should be touching the windows or blinds.

Kleenex: You may get up to get a Kleenex without asking permission, as long as you do not disrupt the classroom.

Artistic Expression: I am a huge fan of artistic expression, and I will try to include plenty of fun ways to express yourself through visual and performance art. However, this artistic energy should not be used to draw on any desks, chairs, walls, etc. Please, keep our school looking nice.

Behavior: I expect every student and adult in this classroom to treat each other with respect. As a performance based class, this is especially important. I want every member of the class to feel completely comfortable speaking in front of their classmates. You should be familiar with the code of conduct in the front of your agenda **and follow it.**

This includes but is not limited to:

- ☒ Cell Phone Usage
- ☒ Weapons
- ☒ Dress Code
- ☒ Respect

Turning in Assignments: Assignments should be turned in on the date due. Any assignments are to be turned into the file boxes at the front of the room according to the hour of the class.

Assignments are due by 3pm of the due date unless otherwise stated.

Name: You must have your **FIRST AND LAST** name on every paper you hand in to me.

Every paper handed in without a name will be placed in the “No Name” crate. These papers will be thrown out at the end of each quarter.

Late Work: You may turn in daily homework one day late for 80% credit. If the assignment is turned in any later, it will receive 50% of the assigned grade. (For example, if a student receives 80/100 points on the assignment, the student’s new grade will be 40/100.) Please, see agenda for more detailed description of this policy.

Daily Assignments/Activities: Every assignment is written on the front white board and listed on your course schedule. You are expected to keep track of your **OWN** assignments.

Absences: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to see me outside of class time to find out what work needs to be made up.

Cheating/ Plagiarism: Cheating will not be tolerated. If you are found to be cheating or aiding someone else in cheating, you will receive a zero on that assignment for the first offense. After the first offense, it will result in a zero and a referral to Mr. Miller.

Questions: Questions are a wonderful way to learn. I encourage you to write down your questions in your notebook during the class period. At the end of each class period, I will be happy to address these questions and help us to learn together.

Raise Your Hand: Please raise your hand and wait to be called on when sharing something with the class. This is the best way to make sure every student gets the same chance to participate in class discussion.

Language: You are asked to follow the policy in the handbook regarding appropriate school language. I want my students to feel safe in this classroom. Therefore, any name calling or derogatory language that demeans others will **not** be tolerated.

Effort: I expect every student in my classroom to try his or her very best at each assignment. **If you work hard and do the best you can, you will succeed in my class.**