

ELD 3

Mrs. Bennett

Room 206

Dear Family,

Welcome to the beginning of a fabulous new school year. I am extremely excited to be working with you and your child this year. My goals are to create a positive learning environment and to help each student become a proficient reader and writer. In this course, all students will develop their English skills. Developing literacy in English Language Learners (ELL) requires attention to the key components of reading such as phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency academic vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Listening and speaking skills are independent processes that are also taught. Finally, writing skills will allow students to communicate and express their thoughts effectively. In order to teach skills, we will be using the Milestones textbooks and workbooks as well as the Achieve3000 program. We will also be focusing on Common Core and ELD language Framework Standards.

The following is information about what I expect from the student and what you can expect from me.

Being Prepared For Class:

The student must come to school every day with the following:

- ❖ Pencils and Pens
- ❖ iPad
- ❖ Reading Book
- ❖ Five-Star notebook (3 to 5 subject)
- ❖ Highlighters

Classroom rules and procedures:

1. Be in your seat before the tardy bell rings. Be prepared to work with all needed materials.
2. Respect yourself, others, and all property
3. Raise your hand to speak or to get out of your seat.
4. No food, gum, or drinks in class. (Exception-Students may bring a water bottle to drink in class)
5. All rules, policies, and procedures of Mar Vista Academy School will be followed and strictly enforced, Mar Vista's policies can be found online. Please read and become familiar with this information.

Positive Solutions:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Writing Reflection
3. Writing Reflection and lunch intervention
4. Writing Reflection, lunch intervention and call home

5. Parent Conference

****Rewards** will include positive grade, calls home, homework passes, candy, free use of iPad, and videos on occasion.

Scholarship grades: Grades on report cards reflect the student's cumulative grade. 60% of the student's grade will be from tests and 40% will be from class work and participation. It is critical that your child attend school daily since most of the work will be done in class. Each Assignment will be graded on a point system. If the student is absent, he or she may complete the missing work for credit if it is done in a timely matter. Students may also make up tests to receive a higher grade.

Grading Scale:

90%-100%=A

80%-89%=B

70%-79%=C

60%-69%=D

0%-59%=F

Citizenship Grades: All students start the year with an "A" in citizenship. It will be the student's choice if he or she will retain this grade until the end of the semester. The student's grade will be based on how well he or she follows the rules while in our classroom and how well he or she participates in class discussions.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Please feel free to contact me at any time in regards to your child's performance and behavior. If you have any concerns, please contact me by email or by phone.

Thank you,

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