



WELCOME TO 7th GRADE!

Mrs. Drucker's English Class

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year! This is going to be a very jam-packed year filled with fun activities, exciting projects and a lot of learning. I am very much looking forward to getting the school year started and making it the best year yet!

Before we talk about what this year has in store, I want to introduce myself and tell you briefly about me. I grew up in the area (Agoura Hills, to be exact) and this will be my 13th year teaching English and Social Studies at Los Cerritos. I received my B.A. in Liberal Studies from California State University Northridge in 2005 and received my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and Master's Degree from Pepperdine University in 2007. I have been married for 9 years to my high school sweetheart and we just had our first son in November of 2016! Other than that, I am a die-hard sports fan who truly loves this profession. I am confident that this will be an amazing year!

English: Now, here is what you can expect your 7th grade year to be like in my class. In English, our course of study follows the Common Core State Standards for seventh grade. We will be learning all about different forms of writing of varying lengths, such as complete paragraphs, argumentative essays, narratives, short stories, and many more. We will also closely read, discuss and enjoy countless pieces of literature, articles, historical texts and various forms of media. In addition, we will cover grammar, poetry, and work on improving our listening and speaking skills.

Grading: Grades in English are based on a combination of classwork, homework, assessments and projects. All assignments are graded and recorded in Q/Zangle. Grades are also weighted, and the breakdown is as follows:

Homework: Homework is assigned daily and will be recorded in the students' Agenda Books. Homework is expected to be completed on time and turned in at the beginning of class. Homework that is turned in late will be given a point deduction. Anytime a student is absent, he/she can access the class work and homework they missed via my class website: www.mrsdrucker.org.

Website: All classwork and homework is posted daily on my class website: www.mrsdrucker.org. If students are absent, they are expected to visit the website **prior to returning to class** so they know the material they missed. On the website, students can also download handouts, view videos and presentations, see class information and supply lists and gain access to fun and informational websites. There are also links to valuable websites and resources, such as: Q/Zangle, the L.C. website and school calendar, plus the L.C. Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages.

Technology: We are fortunate to have one-to-one laptops in my classroom this year, so expect to use them practically every day! We will be doing most of our assignments utilizing this technology, so be prepared to use many of the Google Apps for Education (G.A.F.E.), such as: Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Forms, Google Slides, and many more! But don't worry if you aren't familiar with this technology, we will work together to make the technology accessible to everyone!

Class Materials: For English this year, you will be required to have the following materials:

- a binder
- spiral notebooks (one per trimester)
- colored pencils, crayons OR markers (you DO NOT need all three!)
- glue sticks
- pens (black/blue for work AND colored to correct)
- highlighters

Some other materials that you may want to have (but are not required) are:

- a ruler
- tape
- a personal stapler
- a pencil
- scissors
- an independent reading book

*Please make sure to have the required materials with you every day in class!



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask! I know this is going to be a great year!

~Mrs. Jennifer Drucker
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* Please sign the slip below and return to Mrs. Drucker. Thank you! ☺ *

Student's Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Best Way to Contact Home: Phone: _____

Email: _____