

Ms. Dana Phelps
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Intermediate- Advanced ELL

Supplies students need to bring to class each day:

binder or folder
Loose leaf paper or notebook
two pencils
assignment notebook
homework or reading book

Our class- Students in these classes may be new to the United States, or have several years of experience here. We will be using levels B, C and D of the Keystone series to build academic vocabulary. The series is made especially for students in junior high and high school. It combines reading, writing, grammar, spelling, listening and speaking. The texts contain a variety of topics and we will help each other achieve success by working together. Students will have chapter tests about every 2 weeks, and should review stories and vocabulary at home. The texts are available for check out in our school library. Please bring homework from other classes to do when you complete your class work.

Grades: Points will be kept for class work, tests/projects and being “prepared for class.” Most importantly, students should work during class, correct their mistakes and hand in work when it is due. Students should make up missed work according to the guidelines set out in the Student Handbook for SEJH. We will work together to organize our work in notebooks and use them as reference and study guides.

Grading scale:
97-100% A+
91-96% A
90% A-
89% B+
81-88% B
80% B-
79% C+
71-78% C
70% C-

CLASSWORK: Can be handed in late for no penalty and should be corrected until it is perfect!

Most assignments are worth 10 points. Tests are worth 30 points and are approximately every 2 weeks. Participation = 100 points for the whole trimester!! Keep them by following class rules!!

69%	D+
61-68%	D
60%	D-
0-59%	F

Discipline: My classroom expectations are for all to be treated with respect, as well as having respect for learning. The consequences will progress with each infraction daily. Students who interrupt learning will be 1) warned, 2) expected to stay after school for 15 minutes, and 3) referred to the office and removed from the classroom. Students who enter the classroom quietly, raise their hands to speak and keep their hands to themselves will be helping us reach our academic goals. Repeat infractions will result in longer detentions. Students who are prepared, on task and willingly participate will receive and retain 100 points for their hard work and responsibility (approximately 10% of grade).

Students are encouraged to support our learning by keeping quiet in their seats. Fidget toys are fine, but they are often a distraction to other students. If students can have them in their possession and they do not bother others, I have no problem with that. When students pass them, break them, chase them and make noise with them, they disturb everyone around them. Those toys will be confiscated and returned at the end of the year.

We will have a great year learning English! As with learning anything new, the key to success is practice, practice, practice! You should check out a text book in the library and take it home to review in the evenings and before tests.

Parents, please contact me through the school if I can help make your child's life any easier. I am happy to help you with anything concerning school, schedule or daily needs.

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Don't forget to call school if your son/daughter needs to miss school. You can call in the morning and leave a message. Tell when your child will be gone, and why.

No olvidas de llamar a la escuela si su hijo/a no puede asistir a la escuela por algún razón. Debe de decir cuando no estará y dar un razón.