

Creative Writing  
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“Help will always come [...] to those who ask for it...”

-Albus Dumbledore, Headmaster of Hogwarts

*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, pg 222*

Course description and expectations: The word I would use to describe this year is “Adventure”! We are all in this together and depend on each other to get through virtual learning this year.

That being said, I still expect you to hold yourself to the standards I set, however.

Student Requirements:

1. Creative Writing is--well-- heavily based on writing! We will be looking at poetry forms, different types of fiction, exploring creative writing from places all over the world, mythology, and most importantly, your own life experiences, thoughts, and emotions!
2. In the “Welcome Back” folder in the Schoology classroom, a copy of this syllabus and a “Get To Know Your Teacher” presentation will be available so you can get to know me!
3. Resources: The Resources folder in Schoology will provide students with nearly everything they could possibly need to complete coursework: Google Slide/Nearpod presentations, any articles, a snapshot of assignment due dates, and links to source material, examples, and interesting things I find (such as memes)
- 4.) We will be following the MCPSS pacing guide. All dates and events will be posted with each assignment given and should be viewed in the Calendar tab.

5.) Student expectations can be found in the Welcome Back folder under Classroom Plan

6.) All grades will fall under two categories this year: 60% major grade and 40% minor grade. Each student will be given one 40% grade each week and one major grade every three weeks. For this class, a 40% grade would be a rough draft of a poem, or a brainstorm bubble map. A 60% grade would be a portfolio of three weeks worth of writings, edited, and colorful, with pictures, etc.

7.) Students will be counted absent if they do not log onto Schoology each day of the school week. If a student logs onto Schoology and interacts with my class, they are counted present that day. If they do not interact with my class from 12 a.m.-12 a.m. on any given day, you are counted absent for that day.

8.) Tests and quizzes will typically be given through online programs such as Schoology, Quizizz, Socrative or Nearpod.

**(NOTE:\*Some assignments will need to be written or typed. If a student chooses to write out an answer there will be a place to upload the picture of the hand-written work.)**

9.) Each class day, I will be giving direct instruction for the first 30 min. of class time. The remaining time will be used to help any students with understanding of the lesson or follow-up questions from any other problems the student may have. Additionally, I will be available from 10:17-11:10 to discuss any issues a student may have. These meetings can be done via text, phone, email, or video-conference.