8th English

Course Syllabus

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“To see the world, things dangerous to come to, to see behind walls, draw closer, to find each other, and to feel. That is the purpose of life.”

-James Thurber-

***Required Supplies***

* 1 pack of loose leaf paper
* 1 Composition Notebook
* 1 Spiral Notebook
* Subject Dividers, at least five
* 1 ½ inch Three-Ring Binder
* 1 Folder with Pockets and Brads (Plastic is preferred)
* 2 packs of 3x5 index cards any color
* *(****Optional****, but helpful) One pack of Double A Batteries, Glue Sticks, Kleenex, or Clorox Wipes*

***Course Description***

* 8th Grade
* Full year (4 nine Weeks)
* This course provides students with the knowledge outlined in the 8th grade Common Core Standards
* The course focuses on reading, comprehension, writing, spelling, grammar, and vocabulary

***Assessment Weights***

* Test/EOCs **200 points**
* Book Projects/Forms **150 Points**
* Journal (GOT) **100 points**
* Daily Assignments **100 points**
* Quizzes **50 points**

*\*A 73% or higher average on the first three book projects and forms will dismiss you from the fourth one.*

***Student Expectations***

Students will complete several formal and informal writing pieces, independent book study projects, groups study projects, reading activities, vocabulary activities, writing exercises, and various hands on projects each 9 weeks.

***Make-up and Late Work***

Students will have as many days as they were absent to complete make-up assignments. Any work missed due to absences can be picked up before the absence or upon returning to the classroom.

***Assignments turned in late, not within the number of excused days absent, will receive a 60% or lower.***

***Corrected Work***

Some assignments that receive a “C”, “D” or “F” letter grade will be eligible for corrections. The highest the corrections can receive is an 85%. Students will be allowed to correct: four assignments the 1st 9 weeks, three assignments the 2nd 9 weeks, two assignments the 3rd 9 weeks, and one assignment the 4th 9 weeks.

***Progress Reports and Extra Credit***

Progress reports will be sent out the beginning of each week. Miss Golden will highlight any missing work. In addition, she will circle any work that is eligible to be corrected for a higher grade. Lastly, Progress Reports will need to be signed and turned in for 50 points of extra credit. *This is the only extra credit that will be given out during the school year.*

***Hall Passes***

Anytime a student leaves Miss Golden’s room for any reason, they must take the appropriate hall pass with them and wear the pass around their neck. In addition, the time the student leaves and returns to the classroom will be logged. Bathroom and Drink Passes are only allowed to be used TWICE PER WEEK. Any unused passes may not roll over to the next week or be turned in for E.C.

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***Tardies***

Students who are not in the room when the bell rings are considered tardy. A student receives a referral ON the third tardy and any tardies thereafter within the 9 week period.

***Golden Nuggets***

***Come to class prepared.***

**Be courteous and respectful to everyone.**

***No food or drink in the classroom.***

**Follow all rules in the student handbook.**

***Say yes ma’am and no ma’am, no yeah.***

***Discipline***

Any act that disrupts the educational process of any student is considered misconduct. The behavior will be logged. The consequences are as follows:

* *Four Questions*
* *Call Home*
* *Behave Out = Referral*

***Lifelong Learners***

Lifelong learners are

***Responsible***

***Self-Directed***

***Self-Motivated***

Memorize this and practice this. Strive to get better at this each and every day.

***Resources***

Miss Golden loves technology and utilizes various websites and apps in order to help her students be successful. Feel free to check out some of the websites she utilizes on a daily basis:

[www.ggoldensclass.weebly.com](http://www.ggoldensclass.weebly.com) [http://classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com) [www.mobymax.com/nm697](http://www.mobymax.com/nm697) <http://my.hrw.com>

Remind HW App: <https://www.remind.com/join/2ndggolden> [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com)

***Communication – A Note to the Parents/Guardians***

Please feel free to contact Miss Golden when you have any questions or concerns. She feels e-mail is the best and easiest way for communication. Her e-mail address is [ggolden@portalesschools.com](mailto:ggolden@portalesschools.com). In addition, she emails her lesson plans out weekly. If you would like to get on this email list please write your email address on the next page. Furthermore, she keeps a Dropbox folder of all of her lessons plans and important handouts. If you would like her to add you to Dropbox, send her your email address and she will email you an invite. If you are not comfortable with e-mail please feel free to contact her by phone at 356-7097 extension 5105. The preferred times to reach her are before school or during my prep: 10:18-11:03 a.m.

**EXTRA CREDIT SHEET**

English for 8th Graders

*Miss Golden’s Class*

Please tear this page off, sign and return this, for an extra credit grade.

By signing below, you have read over all the information attached and you know what is expected of you as a parent and of you as a student.

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Parents, please **PRINT** your email address(es) NEATLY:

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\*Would like to receive an email of my **lesson plans** weekly? (Please circle) YES or NO

\*Would you like to receive an invitation to **Dropbox**? (Please circle) YES or NO

*Directions to join the folder will be emailed upon invitation.*

\*Would you like to receive notifications on **Remind** about due dates? (Please circle) YES or NO

*Directions to join the app will be emailed upon invitation.*

\*Comments or Questions: