

Leslie Maahs – 8th gr. Language Arts – Room 214 – Periods 2 & 3

How to get in touch with me:

I am available most days at 8:30 AM, except for scheduled meetings, and after school until 4:00. My advice is that you stay on top of your assignments and DO NOT hesitate to set up an appointment before or after school if you need it. I plan on having us all using Wordpress/Blog/ePortfolio this year where you will be able to access assignments.

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I expect you to:

- *Do the best that you can with the time that we have.
- *Do a little reading and a little writing most days.
- *Listen to each other and to me.
- *Share your thinking with me and with your peers (verbally and in writing).
- *Treat each other and me with respect and compassion.
- *Come to class **prepared and on time**.
- *Check the agenda to see what you have missed and get the assignments.
- *Talk to me if you will not be able to turn work in on time, so I don't think you are just flaking out.

You can expect me to:

- *Work hard to help you learn.
- *Vary the kinds of activities we do to help you all learn.
- *Make my expectations clear (about classroom behavior, about assignments and activities)
- *Ensure that the classroom environment is safe, productive and engaging.
- *Treat you with respect and compassion (especially when we have to talk about discipline)
- *Come to class prepared and on time.

Behavior Plan:

I don't expect you to have to use this, but you should know how I will handle behavior that disrupts our class. If you are doing things that make it hard for you or others to learn, this is how you can expect me to respond:

- 1) I'll ask you, politely, to knock off whatever you are doing or give you an evil stare.
- 2) If you keep at it, I'll give you a warning. I will say: "That's your warning."
- 3) If you keep at it, I'll write a referral, and I'll call home.

I may not give you a warning if you:

- *Do anything that threatens the physical safety of others.
- *Say things that are hurtful to others.

By signing this document you understand the classroom expectations and are willing to try and have a fantastic time this year.

I, _____, on this date, _____, understand that I will be held accountable for doing my best to follow the classroom guidelines and make Miss Leslie's classroom a safe and respectful place where everyone is welcome and able to learn.