## Homework

1. All homework must be done in black ink and formatted to the school-wide standard. Homework must be neat. Any homework that is wrinkled or illegible will have to be re-copied and turned in the next day. Homework will be turned in at the beginning of class unless otherwise indicated.
2. If homework is late, that student will receive and demerit and/or lose fifty percent of the grade. If homework is two days late the student will receive a zero for that grade. Parents will be notified if a student continually neglects to complete homework.
3. All student grading done in class must be done with blue ink.

## Classroom

1. Students must be in their seat before the bell rings or unless otherwise given permission. Bathroom breaks will not be taken during class unless there is an emergency.
2. No talking during class unless given permission. Normally, there will be five to ten minutes given at the end of class time for the students to complete their homework. If permission is given to talk during this time it must be quiet and homework related.
3. Negativity toward school, teachers, or other students will not be tolerated.

## Class Projects

1. The students will be memorizing three poems this year. The titles of the poems and the dates that they are due will be posted on my classroom website, written on the board in the classroom, and handed out to the students.
2. Each grade will be doing a research paper toward the beginning of next semester. The topics and due dates will be posted and handed out after Christmas break.
3. The ninth and tenth graders will be putting together the student publication Read My Mind. The eleventh and twelfth graders will be writing and publishing the school newspaper each quarter.
4. The Free Reading Project and the Book Bucket List Project will both count as project grades at the end of the year. (Students will also receive test and quiz grades for the free reading project.)

## Typical Homework

*Each day a student will typically be assigned to do one or more grammar exercises, read a literature story and answer the questions, and complete any vocabulary/spelling exercises, in addition to studying for any upcoming tests and quizzes. No homework will be given on Wednesday.

