

From the desk of Mr. Lowery...

Welcome students to 8th grade L.A.. During the next semester you will become explorers, detectives, scholars, critical thinkers and problem solvers. We will work as a team exploring the different types of reading and writing through hard work and project based learning. This class will be exciting and fun. We have a lot of learning to do and in order to do that we must all come focused and determined on our classroom goals and learning objectives. Listed below are the keys to success in this classroom and must be followed at all times:

Classroom Expectations:

COME PREPARED AND ON TIME EVERYDAY.

RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS AT ALL TIMES

RAISE YOUR HAND BEFORE SPEAKING AND RESPECT "AIR TIME"

TAKE CARE OF ALL PERSONAL BUSINESS BEFORE CLASS.

Consequences:

Verbal Warning

Second Verbal Warning

Lunch Duty/Detention

Call home/Referral

Good news there are rewards too!

In our class students will be rewarded for excellent work and behavior by receiving raffle tickets. We will have a raffle on Friday of each week and the winner of the raffle will receive a classroom prize. These prizes can include classroom snacks, homework pass, or extra credit points.

In order to be successful you must always have your supplies. The following is a list of supplies that we will be using everyday, and what you must have with you at all times.

Supplies list:

Lined notebook paper

Pencils or pens (blue or black ink)

Colored pencils or markers.

Two highlighters of different colors

Grading:

Classwork 40%

Tests/Quizzes 20%

Participation/Warm up 20%

Homework 20%

*Please note that if students are late or absent they will lose daily points for warm-ups and participation.

*Please note that being prepared is counted in your participation grade. Each student will receive a grade print out approximately every three weeks.

To Parents/Guardians:

I am extremely excited to be a part of Aki Kurose Middle School and am looking forward to working with you and your students. It is my first priority to make sure each and everyone of my students is successful in class. This is a goal that will require a lot of hard work on from our students, you and myself. A little about myself. I grew up in Portland Oregon, attended elementary, middle, and high school there. I attended College at Portland State University majoring in Black Studies and Social Science. I continued my schooling at the graduate level at Lewis and Clark college majoring in Secondary social studies. I moved to Atlanta Georgia in 2006 as a member of Teach for America teaching fifth grade. In the summer of 2008 I moved to Watts California to train new teachers to work in urban schools, and worked at Gompers middle school. I also taught 6th grade language arts and 7th grade social studies at Aki last year.

Communication is going to be key this year. Students will be assigned home learning assignments. It is important that you monitor this to avoid any missing assignments. It will be my goal to contact each of you either via telephone, progress report or written communication to keep you aware of your students progress at school. In order for this year to be successful it is important that our students adhere to all of the classroom rules and expectations outlined earlier in this syllabus. I look forward to contacting you to let you know of success's in the classroom and I will also contact you with any concerns I have regarding your student's progress in English Language Arts. I take your student's education very seriously and am always open to address questions and concerns. You can reach me at school via the office or you can e-mail me at calowery@seattleschools.org. In closing I would like to reiterate how excited I am for our work together to begin.

Please return signature sheet to Mr. Lowery.

Student name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____