**RULES TO LIVE BY in Mrs. Burnett’s classroom:**

The rules are simple – be **Respectful**, **Responsible**, and **Resourceful**. **Don’t** come to class late, **don’t** come unprepared, **don’t** chew gum/eat in class, **don’t** be rude to others, and **don’t** use your cell phones. Cell phones as well as all other electronics are not permitted in class. Please see the ECD for consequences. **Do** your assignments, **do** study, **do** follow directions and work cooperatively, and **do** come ready to participate in class discussions. **Always** have a silent reading **BOOK** with you!

***CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING THE RULES:***

Any rule broken affects your citizenship grade. If your behavior is such that it is a hindrance to the entire class, a phone call home, detention, or referral will be issued, depending on the severity of the behavior. Please be respectful to all in the class, and that includes substitute teachers (see below.)

**PROCEDURES/POLICIES WE WILL FOLLOW:**

1. **GUM**: There is absolutely no gum chewing allowed! Chewing gum will lower your citizenship grade.
2. **CELL PHONES**: **NO CELL PHONES OR APPLE WATCHES THAT HAVE CELLULAR ABILITY ENABLED** will be allowed in class. Plan accordingly! See your agenda for ECD violations.
3. **LATE WORK:** Late **homework** will be accepted. If it is one day late, you will receive 90% of the grade you have earned. If it is two days late, you will receive 75% of what you have earned. After that, late assignments will be given a 49% **if turned in** **prior to** the test or quiz. If you **do not turn in** the assignment, **you will receive a zero**. Please make sure you sign up for Remind to receive reminders of things due. Also, make sure to view the classroom webpage if you are unsure of when something is due.

 Student initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **BATHROOM:** Please do not ask to leave the room unless it is an absolute emergency. You MUST have your ID on and your agenda with you to leave the room.
2. **PENCILS:** Please sharpen all pencils at the **beginning of the hour** or **after I have finished** with instruction and have three with you at all times. (You may use pen…just have three writing utensils!) ☺
3. **ABSENCES:** It is **your** responsibility to get missed homework and notes. You will have one day for each day you are absent. Any **previously assigned** work is **due upon return**, and it is up to **YOU** to turn it in - I will not ask for it. Ifyou miss a test/quiz, **you** must make arrangements with me to make it up **before** or **after** school. If you fail to make up your test/quiz, **you will receive a zero. \*\*If you go on vacation and request homework in advance,** **it is due the day you return**.\*\*
4. **TARDIES:** Be aware of the 3-5-7 tardy policy. Tardiness affects your citizenship grade, so be on time! You must be **in your seat** at the beginning of class, not walking through the door.
5. **CHEATING:** If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, not only will you receive a zero for that assignment, but you will also receive a "3" or N for your citizenship grade. Be fair to yourself and do your own work.
6. **SUBSTITUTES:** Occasionally I will have to be out of the classroom. If there is a substitute, and your behavior warrants your name being left, it is an **AUTOMATIC REFERRAL** to the office. Please be respectful to any substitute that enters the room. Student initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This class is broken into two sessions – reading and writing. The reading portion will utilize Benchmark Education. The writing portion will cover four main writing assignments, including a personal narrative, informational/explanatory essay, a letter of complaint, and a literary essay.

**Mrs. Burnett’s grading policy:**

Following the district policy, homework may not account for more than 25% of a student’s grade. Therefore, your grades will be weighted as follows:

**Homework/classwork -** 25% of total grade. Please make sure this is done on time. Please review the above portion in regards to grading of late work.

**Tests, quizzes, and writing assignments** will be counted as assessments, and will be counted as **75%** of your grade.

If you have forgotten what your assignment was, check **Classroom Webpages** or Schoology.

You can sign up for **Remind.** Send a text to 81010 and use code @7a6ada**.**

**Parents –** please utilize **Parent Portal** as much as possible to help keep your child on track.Please **email me** **dburnett@wcskids.net**if you have any questions or concerns. (Fastest way to get a response.)

I am looking forward to a very exciting year with all of you. I want to help you achieve your personal best. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to ask about them immediately. The only stupid question is the one that is not asked!

Educationally yours,

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I have read the rules with my child.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_