**Mrs. Perkins 6th Grade ELA Updates for the 2nd Nine Weeks**

Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter the 2nd nine week period of the school year we will make some changes in the classroom to better fit our needs as a class and as learners always growing. Please read these updates and reminders. Both parent and student signatures are needed by Monday, October 17th.

**Daily Reading:** Students must read 30 minutes each day and log the pages and books in their reading log. This includes weekends. Magazines, encyclopedias and world record books do not count for this reading time. These logs are checked for homework grades at random, usually once each week.

**Passes to leave class:** Students will use the passes provided by Mrs. Perkins rather than the school agenda log. To record the trips out of class, students will sign out on the log provided by Mrs. Perkins and include their name, destination, departure time and the time when they arrive again. One boy and one girl may leave at a time. To visit the library, use a special library pass, because up to 5 students may go at once when our schedule allows.

**Writing Folders:** We have several on-going and long-term writing projects. These are kept in the writing folders along with any drafts, graphic organizers or articles related to the writing. Students may bring these folders home IF THEY NEED TO. For example, if they are finishing an essay at home. These folders are stored in the black file cabinets for each class period.

**Student Centered Spaces:** Students now have the ability to work away from their desks at 3 different work stations: The student supply center/ back counter, the writing and editing station and the classroom library corner. Students should be at their normal desks UNLESS told to move to these stations or given permission.

**Book Reviews:** Students must complete one book review each month. This book must be one they have read from START TO FINISH this school year. The book reviews count as quiz grades and ample time is allowed in class to complete them correctly.

**Library:** We will go to the school library once every two weeks, usually on a Friday. In addition to these trips, students are encouraged to bring home books from the classroom library. To do so, students must “check out” the book using the log provided by Mrs. Perkins

**Composition Notebooks:** The composition notebooks will be used for bell ringers, creative writing, notes and teacher correspondence. Students should keep these composition notebooks in the same file cabinet drawer as their writing folders unless it is absolutely necessary to bring them home. Students will each need scissors and glue sticks for these notebooks. These supplies should be kept in the classroom to prevent losing track of them.

**Reminders:** The classroom website is updated regularly with assignment descriptions and files. Please feel free to use the contact form to ask me any questions you have! Students need their book, pencils, highlighters and paper daily! All assignments are accepted on the due date for full credit, and can receive 50% credit the next day only. Tests may be scheduled for Tuesday or Thursday only in ELA and study guides will be provided in advance. Quizzes may be scheduled any day.

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