**8th Grade Gifted English**

**Mr. Cross Rm. 6**

Welcome to eighth grade gifted! I am very excited about being your teacher this year. I’m looking forward to seeing how you’ve changed since 7th grade and meeting some new faces. I hope we have a successful class together. But, in order for us to have a good class together, some things must be established from the beginning. (In other words, the rules!)

My basic belief, as far as classroom discipline goes, is that if you respect your classmates, and me then I will respect you. I try to be a fair and helpful teacher. If you ever feel that you need extra help or that something in class is not right, then please see me --- before or after class, not during class. If you are doing anything that keeps me from teaching and your classmates from learning, then you are not being respectful, and some disciplinary action will have to be taken. I will warn you if your behavior is disruptive. If this warning does not stop the disruption, I will give you detention. (30 minutes after school, every Monday – 1st offense, one hour – 2nd offense) If detentions and a call home still don't work, I will refer you to the office.

Since I want you to know where I stand on classroom rules and policies, I have decided to print every student a list of my expectations. If we all work together, I am sure that these expectations will be easy to fulfill.

1. ***Each student*** needs to be prepared with proper materials and in his/her seat when the bell rings or be counted tardy.

2. ***Each student*** needs to stay seated unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.

3. ***Each student*** needs to follow the school's rules, including dress code, no food, drinks, etc.

4. ***Each student*** needs to raise his/her hand for attention from the teacher.

5. ***The teacher*** needs to try her best to teach you what you need to know to succeed in her class and in life.

6.  ***The teacher*** needs to be fair and consistent.

7. ***The teacher*** needs to be respectful to all students.

8. ***The teacher*** needs to strive to make class enjoyable and educational for all members.

**Please note the following:**

\*\*\*Each day when you come into class begin the Bell Ringer on the dry-erase board. These will be picked up on random dates and graded.

\*\*\*Each student will need the following: pen, paper, 2 composition books, a flash/thumb drive, and a three-ring binder at least 2 inches with tab dividers.

\*\*\*Each term your grade will be averaged in the following manner:

Classwork/Homework = 20% Quizzes = 15%

Cooperative Assignments = 10% Gifted Assignments = 15%

Tests = 20% Cooperative Assignments= 10%

Accelerated Reader= 10%

\*\*\*Remember that Information on Demand will always have your recent average for this class.

\*\*\*I will send email updates to parents if you provide an email address below. I will also have a class website that can be accessed through the SGS website.

\*\*\*It is the student’s responsibility to ask for make-up work within 3 days of an excused absence. This includes making up missed tests. If this does not occur, the zeros given for missed assignments will remain zeros. A missed work folder for worksheets, etc. is available in the room.

\*\*\*Each student needs a gmail account to use Googledocs in this class. If they do not have one already, by signing below, you give permission for us to set one up for them for my class.

\*\*\*As part of the gifted program, we will compact the English activities in order to make time for our gifted activities. This means that the students will be “tested out” of content that they already have mastered. Each student will be required to participate in Future Problem Solving, History Day, Community Problem Solving, and Alabama Penmen Writing Competition. However, each student will be allowed to choose two of these activities to make the main focus of their gifted activities grade.

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**Signing below indicates that you have read and understand this document.**

**Please sign, detach, and return this form by Friday, August 12th for your first 100% homework grade in this class!**

**I will do my best to fulfill the expectations outlined for Gifted English 8.**

**Teacher Signature Student Signature**

**I will feel free to call Mr. Cross at South Girard School (298-2527) if I ever have any questions or concerns that he can help me work out. I will help my student have the proper materials and do his/her best to fulfill these expectations for Gifted English 8.**

**Parent/Guardian Printed Name Phone Number --- Home**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature Phone Number --- Work**

**Student Gmail address Parent Email address**