

Creative Writing

2020-2021 Edition

Welcome!

...to creative writing! This year, we're focusing on writing prose, understanding fiction, writing poetry, and even dabbling in speech, drama, and special occasions--like a puppet show!

Bring to Class

- Composition Notebook
- SSR Book (always bring a book to read)
- Pens/Pencils
- Folder for handouts
- Class Materials

Classroom Guidelines

1. Follow all HCHS policies and building rules.
2. Be on time and in your seat everyday.
3. Bring all materials to class.
4. No food or drink. Gum and water are okay.
5. Follow directions the first time they are given.
6. Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, school property, and others' property.
7. KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

*****I have positive expectations that all students will abide by these guidelines!**

Using Tech

Many of our assignments will require the use of the internet and Google apps (Classroom, Drive, Docs, Slides).

Remember to follow school policies for technology. Chromebooks are for school use only and should be returned before the end of class.

Cell phones are to be placed in the organizer at the front of the room. Occasionally we may use them for an assignment. Headphones/earbuds might be necessary but are not to be worn unless prior approval is obtained.

Classroom Procedures

Arriving/Leaving:

- Please take care of business BEFORE the bell rings.
- Upon entering the classroom, sit down and begin bell work.
- You must have a HALL PASS to leave the classroom.
- You are given 3 hall passes per semester. If you use more than 3, you must make that time up in detention.
- Complete the LOG SHEET for exiting and entering.
- At the end of class, remain seated until I dismiss you.

Tardies/Absences

Being here and on time is important! I look forward to seeing you everyday!

1. First tardy: warning
2. Second tardy: use a pass
3. Third tardy: detention
4. If you are absent, please check Google Classroom or wall organizer.
5. If you know you are going to be gone, please get your work ahead of time.

Late Work

- PLAN AHEAD! Poor excuses will not be accepted.
- Any assignment turned in after I collect it is considered late.
- Late work will lose 10% per day it is late.
- Please complete a LATE WORK TICKET located on the wall.

Grades

Assignments will be graded and returned in a timely manner. Please check your grades online. Parents may also check grades using Parent Online located on the school's website.

Grades will be given for the following:

- Portfolio 25%
- Projects 45%
- Daily Work, Homework, & Participation 30%

Getting Help

There's more than one way!

- Before school: meet me for coffee in my room.
- At school: during seminar
- After school: meet me in my room
- Email me.

Please ask for an appointment before and after school to make sure I am available.

Daily Work and Homework

You will write DAILY. This will be done in your composition notebook.

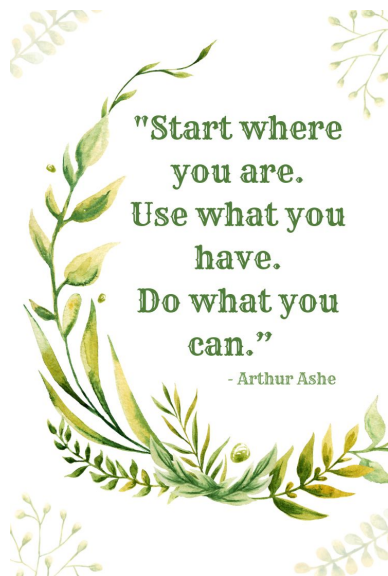
In addition, you will participate in daily reading, listening, speaking, and writing activities.

Most assignments will be done in class as I try hard to limit homework. Most homework assignments will be assignments we were unable to finish in class. You will be expected to read your SSR book, and I will assign long-term projects that you are expected to work on outside of class.



Academic Honesty

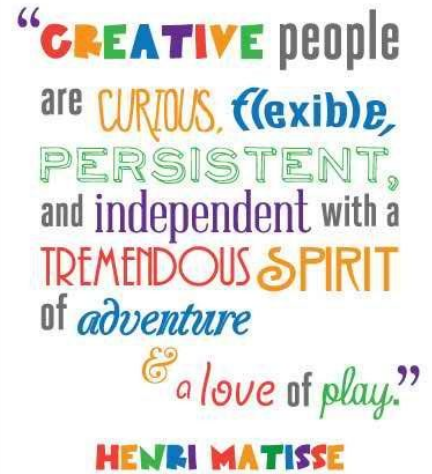
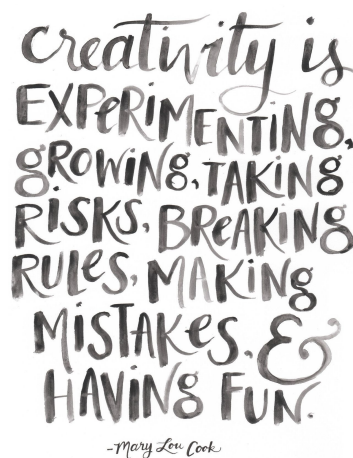
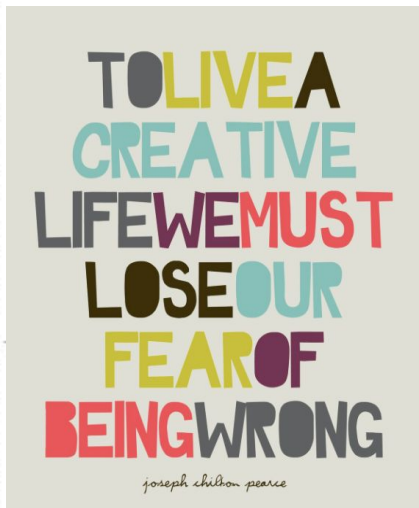
Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero on that assignment/test/quiz and will be referred to the office if necessary.



The Portfolio "The Final"

Your final for this class will be a portfolio or collection of your most prized writing. Your portfolio will include at least two pieces from each unit of study--prose, literature, poetry, and speech/drama.

The portfolio may be submitted in digital format or traditional paper. More information will follow. It is important that you DO NOT throw away any writing you do for this course.



Contact Mrs. Olson

I love hearing from students! And I truly want you to have a positive experience in my classroom. If you or your parents have questions or need information, please consider the following:

- School Website with my classroom information
- Google Classroom (please note, parents will need their student's login information)
- Email: kolson@usd227.org
- School Phone: 620-357-8376