



Welcome to Back to School Night! Room 851

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Class Overview:

Modified English is an opportunity for students to build upon their basic writing, reading and critical thinking skills. Students will be reading award-winning and age appropriate novels, participating in literary analysis and discussions, learning basic writing convention and grammar rules and will be practicing many different styles of writing. Modified English also provides a structured time for students to practice new concepts and receive direct instruction and assistance on their assignments.

Student Learning Goals:

- Students will learn writing strategies that allow them to be creative and articulate.

- Students will improve their public speaking skills (with an emphasis on their ability to keep eye contact, positive body language and neutral tone of voice).
- Students will create and maintain an e-mail account. Students will turn in most assignments via their google docs account, while using chrome books, desktops or ipads.
- Students will comprehend reading material that is based at their instructional levels.
- Students will learn and apply basic grammar and written convention rules.
- Students will write organized paragraphs that lead up to writing well organized multiple paragraph essays.
- Students will work well with peers to accomplish group projects.

Classroom Expectations:

- It is expected that each student have a binder that contains paper and writing utensils. Students will keep their books in the classroom.
- Students are expected to follow the protocol of the new cell phone policy.
- Homework will occasionally be assigned as extra credit, however most work will be accomplished during class time.
- Students are graded their participation in class and completion of work to the best of their abilities.