Miss Chamoun

Room 115 6th Grade Language Arts/ Social Studies

**Procedures**

*\*I am OBSESSED with procedures! Procedures make the world go round and our classroom function as a safe and positive learning community ☺.*

1. Students will view essential question(s), learning objectives, daily activities, and essential questions, as well as perform the Bell Work immediately upon entering the classroom.
2. Students will write down their homework in their agenda/school planner the first day of the school week.
3. Students will request permission from the teacher to leave the room at any time.
4. Students will be dismissed at the end of class by the teacher.
5. Students will raise their hand to speak.
6. Students will look at the “What We Did” bulletin when returning from an absence to obtain work missed (also will be available on my blog).
7. Students will adhere to procedures set forth for (a) submitting late, missing, or absent work, (b) checking out books from the classroom library, (c) finding work without names on it, and (d) obtaining graded work.
8. Students will be silent when the lights are turned off, and will move to face the teacher.
9. Students will adhere to all school-handbook policies (i.e. cell phone, back packs, food, technology, etc.).

**Materials**

*\*These should be with you* ***EVERY DAY****. Every. Day. I repeat: e-v-e-r-y-d-a-y.*

* Folder and/or binder to store important handouts
* Reading, writing, and social studies notebooks
* Independent reading novel (more information to come!)
* Class or book group novel (if applicable)
* Writing utensil
* Charged iPad (more information to come!)
* Any homefun that is due for the day

**Expectations**

My number one expectation is RESEPCT. I have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. What does RESPECT mean to you? You will be creating a class contract that outlines this expectation.

**Consequences**

*\*Although I have high expectations for our school year ahead, I want you to be aware of how I handle any difficulties that may arise. I reserve the right to change these depending the severity of each situation.*

* **First Time**: Warning and private discussion with a teacher
* **Second Time**: Private discussion with a teacher and signing an Accountability Sheet to go into your portfolio
* **Third Time**: Private discussion, signing another Accountability Sheet, student-led email or call home to parents during lunch/recess
* **Fourth Time**: Same as the third offense, along with discussion with principal
* **Severe Disruptions**: Student immediately sent to the office

**Rewards**

*\*Behavior and work that goes above and beyond my expectations will be rewarded. I expect this to happen a lot more than consequences since you are all super star students! ☺*

* Praise (daily)
* Star student award sticker (random)
* Positive emails/letters home (random)
* Student of the Month (monthly)
* Various positive perks \*i.e. no homefun pass, listening to iPod, etc. (throughout the year)
* The joy of learning with Miss Chamoun ☺ (priceless reward every day)

**Late Work and Extra Credit**

*\*Homefun is expected to be submitted at the beginning of the class period; if not, students will adhere to the consequences described above and the following deductions will be applied to the homefun:*

* Homefun Assignments: 10% off the total earned/Accountability Sheet Reflection
* Extra Credit: Whole class extra credit for keeping a clean and safe learning community (to be discussed)

*\*If for some reason, you know that you will be late on an assignment (vacation, illness, etc.), please let a teacher know {if you can} 24 hours in advance and no penalty will be applied.*

**Helpful Information**

*\*SAVE THIS IN A SAFE PLACE!!!*

* **Blog with daily activities and homework**: [www.MissChamoun.weebly.com](http://www.MissChamoun.weebly.com)
* **Email**: [daniellechamoun@winnetka36.org](mailto:daniellechamoun@winnetka36.org) (This is the best way to reach me. \*\***Disclaimer**: I will NOT respond to emails after 7PM—sadly, I am often asleep by this time ☹. If you email me before then, please check your email before you turn in for the night, as you will receive a response before 7PM).
* **Meeting Times:**
  + Miss Chamoun🡪 Starting at 7AM until school begins, during lunch, and by appointment only after school.

**Just for Fun…**

*\*I’m sure I will have sayings that will drive you crazy, but here are statements I’ve heard students in the past say that do not need to be said in our leaning community (meant in a tough-love-kind-of-way ☺)…*

* “This assignment/activity/etc. is {insert negative statement here}.” **OR** “He/she is {insert negative statement here}.” Any negative statement about what is happening in class or about another person is disrespectful and will be dealt with immediately and privately. I may require you to say two positive statements/put-ups in place of the negative statement you made. If you don’t understand what we are doing or if you have a problem with another person, please see me. I am happy and open to having a discussion with you.
* “I hate school.” We know. We’ve been hearing it from every student in the history of school. We’ve probably even said it ourselves once upon a time.
* “I hate English.” **OR** “I hate Social Studies.” I love a good challenge and you have now made it my goal in life to make you turn that frown upside down and \*LOVE\* my class.
* “I can’t do this.” Attitude determines capability. I believe you can do it and I will help you do it, even if it is frustrating. Again, for every negative comment you make, I may require you to say two positive statements/put-ups.
* “I didn’t know we had to do that.” You must have missed the announcement, not seen the agenda (which is placed in the front of the room) not looked on the blog, and not talked to your peers.
* “Let’s have a do nothing day.” HA! You definitely don’t know me very well.
* “That’s not what my teacher did/said last year.” He/she isn’t here, isn’t your teacher this year, and isn’t going to write your report cards this year. Unfortunately or FORTUNATELY!~you’ll have to deal with me ☺.
* “Miss Chamoun, you are the best teacher ever.” Aww, I know, but you don’t need to tell me ☺.
* “{Insert any technology excuse here}.” I don’t particularly like any technology excuse (i.e. I forgot to print it, my printer doesn’t work, etc). You either have the assignment and are on top of things, or you waited until the last minute and the electronic gods decided to punish you. If for some reason, something happens with your computer or printer, PLEASE email me before the assignment is due. If your email doesn’t work, call your friend to print it. If your phone doesn’t work, then walk to the library and print it. Problem solving is the most important skill you will learn in school.
* “Are we doing anything today?” **OR** “Did I miss anything?” Always. We are always learning. Always.