**Mr. Schaefer**

**313 ELA Cafe**

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**Goals**

* Read, read, read!
* Write in a variety of genres
* Build a sense of community through collaboration
* Develop soft-skills, like mindfulness, empathy, and resilience
* Promote problem solving, critical thinking, and effective communication

**Curriculum Elements**

* Reader’s Workshop - independent readers, short stories, poems, plays, newspapers, articles, etc.
* Writer’s Workshop - short stories, editorials, persuasive pieces, book reviews, poems, memoirs, etc.
* Literature Circles
* Blogging
* Mindful Journal
* Wordly Wise
* Grammar

**Schedule**

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| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
| * mindful minute/journal * vocabulary or grammar * reader workshop | * indep read * reader workshop | * indep read * vocabulary or grammar * writer workshop | * indep read * writer workshop | * indep read * vocabulary or grammar * reading or writing workshop |

**Grading Categories/Weights**

**Reading: Writing:**

Assessments 35% Assessments 35%

Classwork 25% Classwork 25%

Reader Notebook 20% Journal 20%

Wordly Wise 20% Grammar 20%

**Homework**

For the most part, time will be given during class to complete tasks. I believe students are best served when I can be immediately available for assistance and direction. Using reading/writing workshops allows the students a maximum amount of time to work independently, following a mini lesson. However, because of time constraints students will be asked to complete unfinished classwork at home.

**Late Work Policy**

I understand students can become busy with out-of-school commitments, like family and extracurriculars. However, it is our responsibility to help kids grow into accountable, responsible, and successful young adults. In order to be successful, tasks need to be completed in a timely manner. Late work will be accepted 2 days after the due date. It will receive feedback and be eligible for the full amount of points. Late work turned in after 2 days, or not at all, will receive feedback and a 50%.