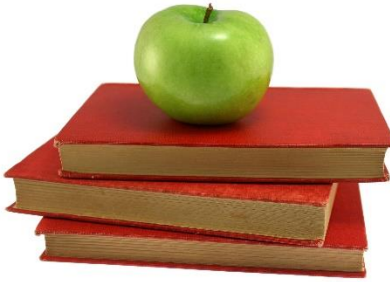


## Mrs. Laden's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class



### **In our class, respect and effort are the most important things!**

We respect each other and make a comfortable learning environment for all students. Our classroom will be a place for you to feel comfortable working through new information and learning together as a group. Every student should be able to lean on each other for help and always feel free to ask questions and do not be afraid to make mistakes! Any rude or disrespectful behavior towards another classmate or me will not be tolerated.

Effort is extremely important in school. I want all my students to try their bests at everything they do. Grading will be based on points as well as the effort you put into the work. All work should be shown on homework and tests. Partial credit may be given if I am able to see your work, otherwise you will be graded on what you turn in. Please do not wait until something is due to tell me you are having issues understanding the information. I want to help you succeed and learn, so please do not worry about asking me how to do things!

There are 5 rules for my classroom that apply to everyone

1. Treat your classmates with the respect that you would want to be treated with. We are a family and we need to support each other all year long!
2. Speak up and get involved in class. I know some students are naturally shy and do not like attention, but I expect all the students to get comfortable enough with one another that we can have group conversations and work together.
3. No name calling and disrespectful talk in my class. I am not the only one who does not want to hear harsh and negative words, so please keep that talk to yourself!
4. You will need to sit in your assigned seat for the school year. Some days I will have the desks moved around for specific reasons, but I will still need you to find your desk and have a seat!

5. Please, PLEASE, take turns speaking. Raise your hands and please try not to interrupt your classmates while they are talking. Interrupting someone because you are too impatient to wait your turn is one thing that is extremely rude, and I expect more from my students!

Technology will be used in our classroom for projects, testing, and research purposes; however, all this will be done on school computer. any extra outside work done at home, such as extra credit or approved makeup work, will be subject to the same rules as in school.

- All work must come from creditable websites because plagiarism will NOT be tolerated! I feel the earlier children can learn how to properly research and learn how to cite, the better prepared they will be in their upcoming school years. We will be learning how to find creditable websites and discuss why others may not be the ones you want to get information from, as well as how to cite pictures that they can use within their work as well.
  - This is a good website that has multiple websites good for research [Great research websites for kids](#)
  - This is a good website that addresses how to cite sources [Easybib citations for beginners](#)
- You are responsible for your school tablet and you alone can use it. Do not loan out or allow another student to borrow your tablet for any reason.
- Technology, such as iPads/tablets and smart phones, will not be allowed in class unless they are supplied by the school. Students may use school provided tablets during school hours if it pertains to the assignment they are given, but any personal devices a student is caught with will be taken up and will be released to the student at the end of the day.
- All school devices must be handled with extreme care and any broken or lost equipment will result in the parental purchase of the item. As well as the respectful use of all technology, our tablets must be charging when not being in use.
- If you can take your device home with you, you must return it fully charged, ready to go for class, the next school day.

When a student is on the internet, there is a code of conduct that you must conduct yourself with.

1. Absolutely no cyber bullying will be tolerated at this school. If a student is found to be cyber bullying another student, the principal will be notifying your parent or guardian for further action.
2. Citing is a must for any information you get on or off the internet. Any research information submitted without citations will be considered plagiarized, including pictures, resulting in a 0% for that assignment.

3. Inappropriate material is not permissible at school or on school devices. This will include any mature material that is found, whether it be in picture or text.
4. School devices are meant for school related assignments and work. Social media or personal accounts are not allowed on school devices.
5. Although we will listen to music in class during times of solo work, any music that contains suggestive or inappropriate dialogue will not be allowed to be played, even with headphones on.

The first week of school we will be going over these classroom rules in more detail and discuss them in class. The signature on the contract allows me to remind students that they committed to and signed an agreement to follow those rules. If someone makes the choice to break our class rules, you will receive strikes.

- Strike 1: a verbal reminder of the class rules and reviewing the student's signature on the class contract
- Strike 2: a written notice to the child's parents/guardian to sign and return stating that the student was aware of the rules, signed and reviewed their class contract, and proceeded to break the class rules for a second time
- Strike 3: the student's parents will be called in for a school or zoom conference to discuss the student and how we can help as a team to work on the behavior

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_