



See how Oretha Ferguson presents this information to parents on the first day of school.

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SOPHOMORE ENGLISH ■ Room 262

Profile

- Graduated magna cum laude from University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas
- State certification in Business Education and English
- Technology coach
- 16 years of teaching experience

Expectations

What students can expect from me:

- Quality instruction each day
- Extra help
- A well-organized, positive learning environment
- Credit for practice and grades for evaluation of learning
- Respect for all students and their learning abilities
- Fairness
- Giving my best to students each day

What I expect from students:

- Come to class ready to work and learn
- Bring necessary books and supplies
- Have assignments neatly and fully completed
- Follow the posted procedures and rules
- Keep a positive attitude
- Always try your best
- Listen and stay focused

Please view the classroom procedures and rules on the class website. If you would like a hard copy of the classroom rules and procedures, please send me a note and I will forward a copy.

Class Objectives for the Year

- Help students become proficient in language through daily grammar practice and drills
- Help students become proficient in writing by responding to literature through constructed responses and essay writing
- Help students gain an appreciation of reading to become a lifelong reader

Overview of Learning

- 1st nine weeks: selected short stories, autobiography, and narrative writing
- 2nd nine weeks: drama and expository writing
- 3rd nine weeks: poetry and persuasive writing
- 4th nine weeks: novels and a research paper

Contact Information

- Planning period: 2nd period
- Email address: oferguso@fortsmithschools.org
- Class website: fergusonshs.pbwiki.com
- Class proto page: <http://protopage.com/oferguso>
- School phone number: 479-646-7371
- School fax number: 479-648-8204



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Attendance and Make-up Work Policy

Regular attendance is crucial to academic success. Absences are a major reason for low grades. Please review the school's attendance policy in the student handbook.

The student is responsible for obtaining all missed work.

- Make-up work will be posted on the classroom website at the end of each day. If Internet access is not available to the student at home, the student may use the class computer to check for missed assignments when he or she returns to school.
- Students have the same number of days to make up work as they were absent.
- Make-up work is to be submitted in the make-up basket—as detailed in the classroom procedures.
- Make-up work cannot be accepted for unexcused absences.
- A zero will be assigned for all make-up work and tests until the work has been completed and submitted.
- No credit is given for late work.

How Parents Can Help

- Even though many projects will be completed in class, students may need additional computer time, access to resources in our community, and time to work with his or her group. As such, parental support and encouragement throughout the school year will be important.
- Please check with your child to ensure that he or she is meeting deadlines and completing homework.
- Visit the class web page to view sample student work.

I look forward to working with you and your child. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Back-to-School night is September 16th at 6:30 p.m. I hope to meet you then.

It is going to be a great year, and your child is going to be very successful!

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