



Parents & Guardians,

Hello!! Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

My name is Miss Van Almsick, or Miss V, and I am the English-Language Arts teacher for Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 at Eastland Preparatory Academy. I am very excited to teach your student and am looking forward to helping your student grow and succeed.

This year in ELA your student will improve upon their reading comprehension and writing skills using novels, short stories, informational texts, and writing assignments. We will use technology to assist in our learning and, hopefully, in the spring we will be able to do some group projects to end the year on a strong note. We will also be adding a new literacy component to our ELA classes for this year. More information will be provided within the first few weeks of school.

Please ensure that your student has their own school supplies and is prepared every day with writing utensils for class. I will provide each student with a notebook to be kept in the classroom and used for ELA class only.

I set my expectations high for my students because I know every single one is capable of succeeding. If your student puts in the effort, they will do well in class. My number one expectation for all of my students is to respect everyone in the classroom: the teacher, other students, and, most importantly, themselves.

While this year may be different due to the pandemic, I am still looking forward to getting to know you and your student. On the back of this letter, you will find some of the safety procedures I will be implementing in my classroom this year. Please review them with your student.

I am excited to watch your student grow and succeed this year!

Sincerely,
Miss Van Almsick

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Below you will find the safety precautions that I will be taking in my classroom to ensure the safety of all students and myself for this school year.

1. Masks:
 - a. Students are required to wear their mask throughout the entirety of the school day. The only exceptions are when they are eating breakfast and lunch or taking a drink of water. For breakfast and lunch, your student must be seated. If they need to get up to throw trash away, the mask must be put back on. Teachers and staff will also be in masks throughout the day following the same expectations as students.

2. School Supplies:
 - a. Because germs can spread so quickly, I am going to limit the amount of school supplies I give to each student. It is imperative that your student has the necessary supplies to succeed in school. Any school supplies that your student brings with them will only be used by your student. If your student needs basic supplies (ex: pencil/paper), I have some that I can provide in case of emergencies.

3. Paperwork/Paper Copies:
 - a. Students will not be allowed to take any paper copies of in-class assignments home. This will prevent the assignment from getting lost; and, also, prevent any possible spread of germs from occurring. The only exception to this rule will be for extended absences or if a parent signature is required.
 - b. Once students have turned in paper copies, the copies will be isolated in a folder for 72 hours before any grading occurs. Once grading is completed, I will quarantine the papers for 72 hours again (to keep your students safe). This may lead to some delays in grading and returning assignments to students. Please be patient as this is the safest route to take with paper copies.

4. Student Desks:
 - a. Student desks will be sanitized multiple times a day. Upon my arrival to the school, I will spray and wipe down all of the desks in my classroom. At the end of the day, when students are dismissed, I will repeat the same process.

5. High-Touch Areas:
 - a. Any high touch areas, such as light switches, telephones, door handles, will be sanitized in between each class period.

6. Entering/Exiting the Classroom:
 - a. Every time a student, teacher, or staff member enters or exits the classroom, they will be expected to use hand sanitizer. This will be provided and will be stationed directly by the door so that no one forgets. This procedure will help with eliminating any germs on the door handle.

Please note that any student who can not follow the safety protocols put into place will be sent home. We want the students to be here, but we can not risk the safety of other students. Please talk with your student about the importance of following the guidelines and protocols, so they stay safe and they keep everyone else safe.