

**ESOL 1, Creative Writing 1, Reading 1**

**Welcome back to school! I am so excited to be your teacher, and I am committed to your success.**

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Conference: 3rd period (9:19-10:05) Tutorials: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2:35-3:05

Course Description: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) 1, Creative Writing 1, and Reading 1 are classes to help students increase their ability in Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing in English and develop the skills in the English 1 TEKS. These are classes for students who are learning English as a second or additional language. Students will be preparing to take the English 1 STAAR EOC Exam and raise their TELPAS level.

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Classroom Materials:

1 notebook (composition or spiral) 1 folder (no brads)

1 pack of pencils (with 8 or more pencils) 1 box of tissues

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| **Days Late** | **Points Deducted** |
| 1 day | -15 |
| 2 days | -30 |
| 3 days | -50 |
| 4 or more days | Grade 0 |

Late Work:

Make-Up Work: Students must ask teacher about make-up work. Students have one school day for every day absent to do make-up work.

Extra credit: Only when assigned by teacher, not to “bring up” failing grades

Grades: Daily Work (Formative) = 40% (notebook checks, quizzes, first drafts, in-class work)

 Major Grades (Summative) = 60% (exams, essay final drafts)

Major Course Outline:

Reading Focus: Develop reading strategies to successfully comprehend many genres: Short Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry, Drama, Long Fiction

Writing Focus: Develop writing skills to complete the writing process for many genres: Story, Expository Essay, Personal Narrative, Analytical Essay, Research

Important Dates:

1st Nine Weeks (August 19-October 18): CBA #1

2nd Nine Weeks (October 21-December 20): Semester Exams Dec. 18-20

3rd Nine Weeks (January 8-March 6): Pre-STAAR Benchmark Exam (January 28th)

4th Nine Weeks (March 16-May 21): English 1 STAAR (April 7th) and Finals May 20-21st

No school days:

Labor Day, Sept. 2nd

Staff Development, November 1st

Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 25-29th

Christmas Break, Dec. 23 -Jan. 7th

Presidents’ Day, January 20th

Staff Development, Feb. 17th

Spring Break, March 9-13th

Good Friday, April 10th

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Classroom Expectations:

Students should not eat or drink in class.

Students will turn in cell phones at the beginning of class and get them back at the end of class or when Mrs. Dockery says.

Students should be READY to begin class when the bell rings.

Students cannot leave class during the first and last 15 minutes of class.

Students who leave class must have a yellow hall pass.

A student who is 1-15 minutes late is “tardy.” A student who is caught in a tardy sweep will get after-school detention, and a student who is tardy 10 times in 2 weeks will get after-school detention.

Students earn credit based on grades and attendance. Students should come to school every day!

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Acknowledgement:

I acknowledge that I have received and read the syllabus for this class. I will contact Mrs. Dockery if I need more information.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_