

Mr. Gadd

Hercules Middle School

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English Language Development (ELD)

CLASS DESCRIPTION:

Students in this class will work on improving their English skills. The areas of focus will be reading, writing, listening and speaking, with an emphasis on writing skills. We will study different forms of writing, and respond to writing prompts in order to create clear, meaningful, well thought out essays.

TEXTBOOKS:

- “Inside” textbook.
- Digital media provided on each student’s tablet.
- Additional materials provided by the teacher.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Students must have -

- I. Their school-assigned computer tablet
- II. Their **INSIDE** textbook
- III. A three-ring binder to keep writing assignments in.
- IV. A blue or black pen.
- V. Two sharpened, number two pencils.
- VI. White, wide-ruled paper.
- VII. Their school planner to keep track of assignments.

MAKE-UP WORK:

No late work will be accepted without an excused absence. The teacher reserves the right not to accept late assignments. Any assignments that ARE accepted late will lose 10% of the grade per day that they are late.

- 1.) Always contact the teacher (email is the best method), or a classmate when you need to find out about missed assignments, or need help completing them.
- 2.) Students are responsible for arranging make-up tests with the teacher. Make sure that you speak with Mr. Gadd when you know that you need to make up work.
- 3.) If you cannot be at school on the date that an assignment is due, but you have completed it, you can email **most** assignments to Mr. Gadd at this email address: CGadd@wccusd.net .

CONTACTING THE TEACHER:

Parents and students can always reach Mr. Gadd by email. In addition, Mr. Gadd will send out periodic updates through the Remind service <https://www.remind.com> . The sign up information for your class is located on my teacher website at <https://MrGadd.net> .

CLASSROOM RULES:

West Contra Costa Unified Schools have adopted the PBIS model, and students will be rewarded when they exemplify it. We will cover PBIS in more detail, but the basic rules are:

- 1.) Be safe.
- 2.) Be kind.
- 3.) Be responsible.

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM:

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing work will automatically be given a failing grade on that assignment or test, and they will not be given an opportunity to make up that work. Their parents will be contacted about the incident, and a referral will be sent to their counselor in the office. Hercules Middle School does not tolerate cheating or plagiarism.