



## Parent Letter 2023-24 Quarter 3

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Welcome to the start of quarter 3 at Cassell!

The students will continue to use the Writing Process. During Writer's Workshop the students will create: 7th grade will work on a persuasive speech and different writing pieces to go along with the novel, *The Outsiders*. 6th grade will write a friendly letter and compare-contrast essay. 8th grade will learn how to email teachers for different reasons and write pieces to go along with the novel, *The Giver*.

By the end of 3rd Quarter, Students Will Be Able To:

- Write routinely over an extended period using the writing process.
- Write a narrative using dialogue, transitions, events, characters, and descriptions.
- Use sensory language to describe an event.
- Use a variety of transition words appropriately in writing.
- Write following Standard English conventions.

**High Expectations:** Cassell School holds ALL students to high expectations including academic performance, attendance, and behavior. Please review the middle school behavior policy, "Go For The Gold", with your

### Grade Categories

Collaborative (Group Work, Class Contribution) 10%

Formative Assessment (classwork, homework) 50%

Summative Assessment (chapter tests/quizzes/final projects) 40%

\*class contribution assignments, such as warm-ups and discussions, may not be made up if missed because of an absence.

### Gradebook

Aspen Gradebook is updated weekly so please check your student's progress (even better- ask them to check it)! Grade codes used in Aspen are as follows:

INC= Incomplete

EXC= Excused

0= assignment was attempted but no credit was given

MSG= Missing (assignment was never turned in on time)

**Homework Protocol:** Writing will be worked on in school. Homework will be assigned if absent.

**Missing Assignment Protocol:** Students' grades will be affected if missing assignments do not get turned in.

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