

Parent Letter 2025-26 Quarter 1



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Welcome!

Welcome back for another exciting school year at Cassell!

The students will start the year by learning the Writing Process. During Writer's Workshop the students will create: an autobiography, a speech, and a story in 7th grade. A personal description, a friendly letter, and autobiographical incident in 6th grade. A personal narrative, a character sketch, and a compare-contrast essay in 8th grade.

By the end of 1st 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 child.

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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