



Parent Letter 2022-23 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.

