

Mrs. Christine Snyder
Cassell Elementary
March 20, 2023
Dear Parents and Guardians,

I sincerely hope you and your family are doing well and looking forward to spring. During the fourth quarter, we will be learning new concepts and skills as well as building upon previously learned material. All students who receive special education support in my classroom are following the expectations and rules as outlined in the Blue Card-"Go For the Gold". Students have been given ample information about this positive incentive program. (If you ever need any clarification or have questions, please reach out) Please check your email for updates and communication.

All assignment/participation/homework/assessment grades are posted in ASPEN. Those are the four categories your child is graded on every week in every subject. Category weights are as follows: formative 35% (daily class assignments), participation 15%, homework 10%, and summative 40% (quizzes/tests). Students and parents are encouraged to check grades weekly through either the student or parent portal for ASPEN. I update grades regularly every Friday. It is so important for students to be on time, prepared for class, and ready for the day. Thank you all for making sure your child has been here on time and prepared each day.

Writing Standards and Skills: Students will be mainly using "Grammar For Writing" (Sadlier) books in class.

Using the writing process; Write narrative and poetry pieces; Use technology to produce and publish writing.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday-work on English, grammar, ideas, organization, word choice, voice, fluency, parts of speech in student workbooks.

*If extra practice is needed on a specific skill, we will utilize IXL (online) for writing strategies, grammar, and mechanics.

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Tuesday and Thursday-Focus on specific writing types and purposes-narrative and poetry units.

I look forward to another quarter of learning and growing, helping your children meet their full potential. Thanks for all of your support and understanding as we jump into the 4th quarter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at cbomalley@cps.edu.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christine Snyder

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