



MLA

**Mater Lakes
Academy**

Ms. Valdes

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REMIND 101:

Text @ParentsNV to 81010

Conference Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Monday - Thursday

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**Email me to set up a
Parent Conference**

**What to do
when you're
Absent?**

**Bring a note to the
office within 2 days
so they can
EXCUSE your
absence !**

Reading and Critical Thinking Syllabus

Welcome to Mater Lakes Academy! My name is Ms. Valdes and I will be your child's Reading teacher. This is my second year at Mater Lakes Academy and I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, I am also Reading and ESOL endorsed. I, along with the rest of the reading team, look forward to teaching your child and for all the new memories and experiences we will share as a team. Please take the time to read this syllabus entirely with your child. Print and complete the last two pages only.

Intensive Reading:

The purpose of this course is to provide instruction that enables students to accelerate the development of reading and writing skills and to strengthen those skills, so they are able to successfully read and write grade level text independently. Instruction emphasizes reading comprehension, writing fluency, and vocabulary study through the use of a variety of literary and informational texts encompassing a broad range of text structures, genres, and levels of complexity.

Critical Thinking:

This purpose of this course is to improve students' critical reading and thinking skills, increase analytical, inferential and evaluative comprehension, expand vocabulary skills, and employ effective study strategies for use across academic disciplines.

Absence & Late Work Policy:

It is the student's responsibility to find out what work was missed and must be made up within 48 hours (2 days) of the absence. If the absence is unexcused absence, the student cannot make up any work that was missed. Late Work will be accepted only up to 2 day after the due date and will be penalized by taking 20 points off the final grade.

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"A reader live a thousand lives before he dies..."

The man who never reads only lives one."
- George R.R. Martin

REMIND 101 CODES:

Period 1: @P1MSV
Period 2: @P2MSV
Period 3: @P3MSV
Period 4: @P4MSV
Period 5: @P5MSV
Period 6: @P6MSV
Period 7: @P7MSV
Parents: @ParentsNV

NOTE:

Cell Phones taken away can be picked up by parents only in the office.

Class Components:

Participation is an important component in this class. Your positive behavior will be vital to a successful school year.

Homework Assignments:

Expect homework each time the class meets. Homework will be due at the beginning of the class in the homework bin. Homework will be posted weekly on the Mater Lakes website. Reminders will be sent periodically on Remind 101. Class codes can be found on the left, every student MUST register for remind 101 at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to complete i-Ready or USA Test Prep by 11:59 PM on Sundays. CommonLit will be due by 11:59 on Fridays.

Projects & Assessments:

Projects and Assessments: Several opportunities will be provided through reading, writing, and communicating for students to demonstrate their learning. Quizzes, Tests, and Projects will provide students an avenue to show their understanding of vocabulary, writing and reading comprehension concepts they have learned throughout the school year.

Classroom Rules & Consequences:

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| 1. Enter the class in complete uniform and on time. | First Offense: Verbal Warning
Second Offense: Parent Notification or Parent Conference
Third Offense: Referral |
| 2. Be seated, have all supplies and ready to work when the bell rings. | |
| 3. Listen while others are speaking. | |
| 4. NO Cell phone usage during class (If taken, it will be given to the office). | Note: A student may be removed from class immediately, and without a warning, if he or she is blatantly disrespectful to anyone, poses a threat to the class, or interferes with the learning process. |
| 5. NO Eating/ Drinking in class.(Water is acceptable.) | |

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CONDUCT SCALE:

- A: 0-2 warnings
- B: 3-5 warnings
- C: 6 warnings
- D: 7-9 warnings
- F: 10 or more warnings

EFFORT SCALE:

- 1: Outstanding Effort
- 2: Satisfactory Effort
- 3: Insufficient Effort

EXTRA CREDIT:

Extra credit will be posted online per quarter and will not be accepted the last 2 weeks of the quarter!

Conduct & Effort Grades:

Behavior and attitude in classroom are considered when computing your conduct grade. Effort reflects class work, being prepared for class, and class participation.

Any inappropriate classroom behavior, which hinders teachers and/or the learning of your classmates, will result in a lower conduct grade. Coming to class late, unprepared and/or lack of attention and focus during class will result in a lower effort grade. Consistently failing to turn in your work and making no effort to correct this problem will result in both your conduct and effort grades being lowered.

Each student begins the quarter with an "A" in Conduct. Your behavior and attitude will determine your final grades

Academic Grading Scale & Categories:

A = 90 - 100 %

B = 80 - 89 %

C = 70 - 79 %

D = 60 - 69 %

F = 0 - 59 %

Z = Did not do/ turn in

Assessments/Projects = 35 %

Quizzes = 25 %

Homework = 20 %

Classwork = 20 %

Total = 100%

Syllabus Contract

Please Print & Sign

TO DO LIST:

1. Read entire syllabus
2. Print & Sign the Syllabus Contract
3. Print & Sign the Film Permission Slip
4. Study for the Syllabus Quiz!

Please print, read and sign that you and your child have read and understand the terms of this syllabus contract. This will be your child's first homework grade in the class.

Period: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature:

Parent # 1 Contact Information:

Phone Number: _____

Email:

Parent # 2 Contact Information:

Phone Number: _____

Email:

Please list any allergies/ medical conditions your child has below:

Film Permission Slip

Please Print & Sign

REQUIRED NOVELS:

All novels must be purchased by the second week of school!

The titles are provided on the MLA Homework website.

DO YOU CONSENT?

Don't forget to check Yes or No!

The novels that will be read in class and at home throughout the school year will be posted on the Mater Lakes Homework site and must be purchased no later than August 26, 2019 for your child to receive credit. The student must have the novel every day that they are in class.

Your child will also have an opportunity to watch the movies that correlate to each book above to bring the events of the novel "alive". Our school suggests a parental permission for your child to view movies that are used in our curriculum, or that are selected by our teachers. Due to the fact that these movies are rated between PG and PG-13 your child needs to have a signed permission form to participate in the viewing of each film throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have via email at nvaldes@materlakes.org

Please print and return this form no later than August 23, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ms. Valdes

_____ Yes, I give my child permission to watch these films.

_____ No, I do not give my child permission to watch these films.

Parent Signature

Student Name

Period