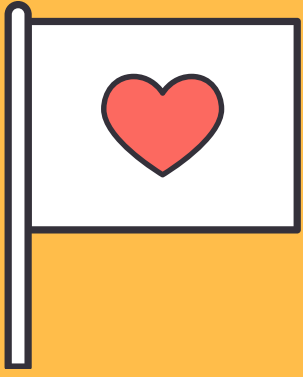


MRS. SWINEHART'S 8TH GRADE

WRITING

RULES

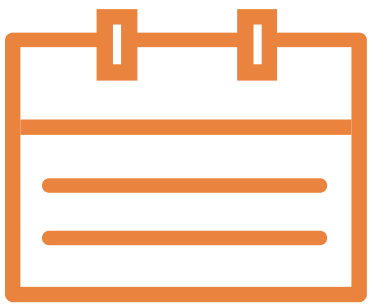


Rules that will be followed in my classroom comply with the same rules in the Monticello School Handbook and our Pony Promise: **BE RESPECTFUL** (no talking out of turn, respecting others, no cell phone usage, etc) **BE RESPONSIBLE** (turn in work on time, being on time to class, etc) and **BE SAFE** (keeping your self to your self, etc).

Following the rules is important in writing class. If you're not using class time wisely, you will have more homework to complete on your day off of writing.

All writing steps are completed on Google Classroom.

DAILY SCHEDULE



We meet every other day for about forty-five minutes.

Class time runs as follows:

- *10 minute minilesson (or longer)
- *35 minutes working on your drafts, a skill taught during minilesson, or conferencing with me or other students.

UNITS COVERED IN LUCY CALKINS



Students will be assessed with a writing sample at the beginning and end of the unit to see how much they have progressed.

Unit one = a mixture of narrative and information writing to write news articles

Unit two = writing informative essays about what you read (writing about themes and craft)

Unit three = writing a selected argument to be sent to a real life decision maker

Unit four = Forward exam prep/researched career papers/final portfolio reflection letter



ASSESSMENT



- You will be assessed in the following areas of writing: overall, lead, transitions, ending, organization, elaboration, craft, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.
- **3=meeting the standard, 2=approaching meeting the standard, but not there yet, 1= not meeting the standard**
- The writing completion category is for daily writing assignments. Doing them increases the quality of your final drafts.
- Late work receives no penalty on a standard but can lower your Pony behavior score.
- All areas may be revised for a better score after the final draft is graded.

CONTACT ME

You can reach me by calling the school number (938-2733) or emailing me at swineto@monticello.k12.wi.us. You can also check out my website (accessible through the school website) for daily assignments or access Skyward.

Students, you can drop by during my prep hour, during lunch, or after school if you need extra help

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD YEAR!