

**English I**  
**Mrs. Sisk Room 213**

Welcome to English I. I am very excited for this school year. English I is a comprehensive course of literature, composition, and language. The study of literature includes reading and comprehending wide variety of literary forms such as , short stories, novels, poetry, drama, and nonfiction. We will use the pacing guide set by the Cumberland County Schools for English I. There are six units we will study.

**Units of Study:**

**Unit 1: Literary Elements and short story**

**Weeks 1-3**

Short stories:

“The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell

“Harrison Bergeron” by Kurt Vonnegut

“A Sound of Thunder” by Ray Bradbury

“The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson

“Cask of Amontillado” by Edgar Allan Poe

**Unit 2: The Novel**

**Weeks: 3-7**

Novel : Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

**Unit 3: Poetry**

**Weeks 8-9**

Students will write and read various types of poems

**Unit 4: Drama**

**Weeks 10-14**

Play: Romeo and Juliet

**Unit 5: Epic Poetry**

**Weeks 15-16**

Students will read excerpts from The Odyssey (Homer)

**Unit 6: Literary Nonfiction**

**Weeks 17-18**

The students will read informational texts, speeches, and short essays.

**Classroom Rules:** I expect all students to be successful in this course. You will need to observe the following rules for success in the classroom.

1. **Respect yourself, the teacher and others:**
2. **Be prepared for class each day**
3. **Follow directions when given**
4. **Put forth your best effort at all times**
5. **Pay attention, participate, and ask questions**

**Assignments.** These fall into three basic categories:

- Classwork/Homework 50 %
- Tests/Projects 25%
- Quizzes 25%

**Absences.** On the day you return to class, you must immediately check folders for any handouts that you missed or to make an appointment for a make-up quiz or test. If you enter school after class or leave school before class, you are expected to ask the teacher for missed work.

**Materials Required:**

Three ring binder

Loose leaf paper

Pens (blue/black), pencils

I have read the course information and classroom requirements for English 1. My signature below indicates that I understand the requirements and policies for this course and agree to adhere to them throughout the school year.

Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Parents:**

One important aspect of English I is the increased demand for responsibility and organization. Students will be working on a variety of assignments and in order to prepare them for the tenth grade, students are expected to perform at their highest level and be self-sufficient. This means that students are held accountable for their performance, due dates, and for knowing what is going on in class. It is my responsibility to guide your child and to scaffold instruction so that your child has every chance to succeed. It is your child's responsibility to take advantage of instruction and support.

While Powerschool is the most efficient means of tracking your child's progress, I am always available if you feel the need to discuss expectations or classroom progress. The fastest way to contact me is via email: [heathersisk@ccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:heathersisk@ccs.k12.nc.us) Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to working with you!

Parent

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

