

First Day To-do List

English 8 Student Name: _____

Due: September __, 2015

1. Returning this sheet by next class is your first homework assignment (Work Ethic: G, S, or N).
2. Visit Ms. Sanders' "Home Page" (www.sandersgms.com) and write down a list of supplies (somewhere on this page) that you will need for this class (such as JOURNALS).
3. Bringing the required supplies to class on, or before, Sept. ____ is your second homework assignment (G, S or N).
4. Read the course outline for **your block**. The outlines are located on my website (go to www.sandersgms.com and look for your block number). The secret code for your block is: _____
5. Your parents have provided a contact email below. Note: if parents do not wish to be contacted by email, they can note this preference on the bottom of this letter, along with preferred phone numbers.
6. You have completed tasks 1-5 (or soon will):

Student Signature: _____

Parent email(s): _____

- Checked frequently? Yes/No

Parent phone(s): _____

- Best time to call? _____
- Text messaging? Yes/No

Would you be interested in volunteering for events? Yes/No

Parent Signature: _____

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2015/2016 school year. You are receiving this letter because your son / daughter is in grade 8 at Glenrosa Middle School, and is registered in my English and/or Social Studies class. Here in Room 323 we are gearing up for a year jam-packed with project-based learning, tons of reading and critical thinking, & lots of fun. (Please see separate Course Outline document.)

Our department encourages students to read **every day** for a minimum of 20 minutes outside of class time. This can be independent reading, shared reading with a partner or younger sibling, family story time, or (my favourite) a combination of all three! Please let me know if you would like any recommendations for reading material your son / daughter might enjoy.

Please Note: Reading is the ONLY homework I assign on a regular basis.

Occasionally, other homework will be assigned. This could take the place of the reading, if your family is pressed for time.

I will be supplementing classroom materials with many items from home, most notably novels, classroom games, and team building activities. These will be marked with a sticker or stamp saying, Sanders or Sanders GMS. I am happy to loan many of these things to students. Hopefully, if you spot any at home, you can encourage their return trip to Room 323! Thank you.

I'm looking forward to working with you & your grade 8 student this year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Jenn Sanders