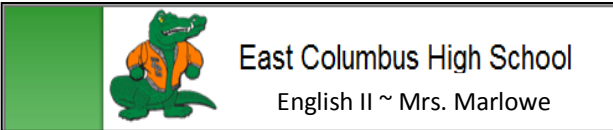


Your child's grades are available 24/7 on our grading website, www.engage.com. Use the attached access code to create separate student and parent accounts.



Dear Students and Parents,

January 25, 2013

Welcome to English II! I'm excited about the opportunity to help you have a successful year in English II and getting to know you. This year, North Carolina English II students will prepare for and take a brand new English II End of Course Test in late May. This is a state-mandated EOC that will measure their mastery of the new national Common Core standards adopted by 45 states.

This year we will explore on the following curriculum areas:

- Reading/Literature: World Literature: The literature selections are organized by region. Examples: Ancient Worlds, India, Asia, Australia, Europe, and more.
- Reading/Informational Text: Essays, memoirs, and newspaper stories will educate us about the world around us.
- Writing: Narrative, Informational, and Persuasive
- A "Stems" Vocabulary Program: Our class will learn, practice, and test on 10 sets of 25 stems.
- Speaking and Listening Skills: Small group activities and projects tied to our STEMS school focus will provide students the opportunity to sharpen their communication skills.

Please bring the following supplies to school next week.

- Three-ring binder: May use this to have our class share space with another class.
- Highlighters (five or more colors- for editing our writing).
- College-ruled notebook paper
- Red pen or other color for editing
- Dictionary and thesaurus **at home** (if a computer/smart phone and Internet are not always available during hw time)

Earning Full Credit for Your Work

Whether an assignment is graded for accuracy or graded for completion, all of us desire full credit for our efforts. Therefore, turning in work when it is due is so important.

Minor Grades

- On time: Full credit (turned in when the assignment is due-not after school)
- Late: 75% of the score earned

Major Grades:

- 1 day late 90% credit
- 2 days late 80% credit
- 3 days late 70% credit
- 4 or more days late 60% credit

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail, phone, or note. I also welcome appointments to talk with parents in person. You can contact me at school at 910-646-4094 (room 208), by email gmarlowe@columbus.k12.nc.us or by a note. I will make every effort to reply as quickly as possible. I look forward to hearing from parents and students. Students can come by before school, after school, or during my lunch shift –first shift. Please let me know in advance if you are coming in so that I can be in my room. Let's work together to make this a super year. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gretchen Marlowe



Print Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Print Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

We have read the above letter. The best time/way to reach me, the parent, is with this/these number(s)

This is the best time to reach me... _____ Date Signed: _____