**OST Reading**

 **Remote Learning Version**

**Instructor: Ms. Violet Taylor**

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**Course Description**: The objective of this course is for students to successfully pass the OST reading exam. This class will focus on analyzing informative and literary texts. We will also focus on informative writing and utilize the OST writing rubric to help strengthen your responses within the test. This class focuses on using the Common Core English Language Arts standards, and follows the Project Based Learning model.

**Contact Information:**

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**Remind app:** Please follow instructions to add remind.

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**Texts/ Materials**: We will be utilizing many digital resources such as the OST practice tests, Newsela, Writables, and NWEA exact Path, One drive and scoring camps.

**Attendance:** Attendance is extremely important for this class. This class consists of many collaborative, individual, and project based assignments. If a student is absent from class, it is the student’s responsibility to obtain the necessary makeup work from the instructor. All makeup work is on Schoology.

**Class Participation:** Students will be collaborating daily, and participation is key for success within this class. Every student has a responsibility to succeed whether it is “log on “ work, class assignments, reading, writing essays, editing, or presenting.

**Synchronous Learning/ Asynchronous Learning:** Our Class will have synchronous and asynchronous learning. Students can think of synchronous as live instruction and Asynchronous is on demand. During live instruction students will meet with me for a live lesson on Microsoft teams through a link within Schoology. During on demand instruction, students will interact with the lesson within Schoology and submit coursework on the appropriate due dates.

**Positive Learning Environment/Procedures within Online Environment:**

**Be Kind and Courteous**: Join the class virtually on time. Do not unmute yourself. If you have a question utilize the chat feature or raise hand virtually.

**Be Productive:** Make sure you are prepared for virtual class. Have a space within your home where you can set up your computer, paper, and pen to be able to effectively do your coursework. Make sure you can easily access all the materials and links within the virtual lesson.

**Be Patient:** This is a whole new way of learning for all of us. Maintain a resilient and positive attitude as we navigate this online platform together.

**Behavior:** Verbal Warning

 Contact Parent

 Parent Meeting and Behavior Contract

 Office Referral

**Grading Scale**:

 90-100 A

 80-90 B

 70- 80 C

 60- 70 D

 59- 0 F

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Plagiarism is the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own. (Dictionary.com, 2015) If a student participates in plagiarism the student’s assignment will be an automatic no evidence. Students will have the opportunity to redo the assessment or be offered an alternative assessment.

**Final Thoughts**: I hope you enjoy this class, and gain the necessary skills to successfully pass the OST.