

Middle School English 2017-2018

Teacher: Julie Poe

Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays 2:45 – 4:00 pm

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Time slot helps IPC students to join us after leaving IPC just a few minutes early.

Here are basic goals for Middle School English:

- **Vocabulary**–I want students to *OWN* at least 100 new words this year, to really make those words their own to use in daily life.
- **Grammar**–I want students to *MASTER* grammar concepts so that grammar is a tool for them rather than a hindrance.
- **Literature**–I want students to *LOVE* reading more than they already do. I want to help them notice some particular bits of the beauty in what we read.

On attached paper, you will find the homework schedule for the fall semester. I have not included the literature portion since I will get to know the class a bit before settling on our novels. We may change course here or take a detour there as I learn which tasks are most challenging for each student and as we discover topics that intrigue us.

Always feel free to talk with me about making modifications in assignments according to your student's particular strengths and weaknesses. She may need to research and share some background information with the class to keep her stretching, or he may need to submit writing assignments through a word processor rather than writing by hand. I firmly believe that listening to audio versions of the books we read is *not cheating*. I read aloud to students a lot, and I will let you decide if it is useful for your student to listen to reading assignments at home as well.

Holidays:

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 4.

Thanksgiving Break: November 20 - 24

Winter Break: December 15 - Jan. 14

(I will be sending students off for the holidays with a book in hand to complete during the break.)

Supplies for this class: (It is important for students to bring to every class)

- A three-ring binder
- Notebook paper
- Pen or pencil
- Colored pencils.
- Novel we are currently reading

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Students also use their Easy Grammar book and their vocabulary book during each class. *I know the grammar book is a bit bulky.* I cut my pages out of the book (neatly), punched holes in them, and just put the current section (pg. 1-30) in my binder. If you would like to do this so your student isn't carrying such a big weight, you'll just need to remember to switch sections after each grammar exam as we start a new section.

I will provide classroom sets of each novel that we read. If your student really wants to keep the book when we finish it in class, it would be great if you contribute \$5 to my book funds!

Attendance and Absences: I know that some absences are unavoidable. Please email or text me (or remind your student to do so) if he or she will be absent. I will suggest make-up work, but it can never really replace the experience missed during class.

Graded papers are returned to your student and grades are posted on Praxis. You and your student each receive a PraxiSchool account to access grades.

Don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

You can reach me by email (julie.poe@ThePrometheusAcademy.com) or text (214.587.3987). I don't usually answer the phone because I am usually teaching. Immediately before and after class are not the best time to talk with me since I teach back-to-back classes, but if you let me know that you need to talk, I can plan for that to happen.

I am looking forward to a great year!

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	Easy Grammar Grade 6		Groundwork for Better Vocabulary	
Date	Turn In	In Class	Check/Turn In	In Class
M 8-28		Pretest Intro Preps p. 4		p. 3-4 p. 10-11 (Ch1)
W 8-30	"In The New Year"	Prep. Bingo p. 6-7 p. 11-12	p. 12-15	Check p. 12-15 p. 16-17 (Ch2) p. 18-21 together
M 9-4	Labor Day – No Class			
W 9-6	p. 9-10, 13-14	p. 15 begin 16-18 p. 19 begin 20 p. 21 begin 22		Voc. Quiz Ch.1-2 p. 22-23 (Ch3)
M 9-11	p. 16-18,20,22		p. 24-27	Check p. 24-27 p. 28-29 (Ch4)
W 9-13	p. 23-26	Go over Prep Rev (23-26) Intro p. 31	p. 30-33	Check p. 30-33
M 9-18		Test: Prepositions		Voc. Quiz Ch. 3+4 p. 34-35 (Ch5)
W 9-20	p. 33-34	p. 35-36 p. 40-41	p. 36-37, 39	Check p. 36-37, 39 Analogies p. 6-7, 38
M 9-25	p. 43-44	p. 45-48	Unit 1 Test 1+3 (p. 41-42) 45-46	p. 48-49 (ch6)
W 9-27	p. 51-52	p. 54-56	p. 50-53	Check p. 50-53
M 10-2	p. 59-60	p. 62-64, 67		Voc. Quiz Ch. 5+6 p. 54-55 (Ch7)
W 10-4	p. 65, 69	Quiz: List Linking Verbs p. 71, 74-75	p. 56-59	p. 60-61 (Ch8)
M 10-9	p. 72 p. 79-80	p. 82-83	p. 62-65	Check p. 62-65
W 10-11	p. 85-86 p. 89-90			Voc. Quiz Ch. 7+8 p. 66-67 (Ch9)
M 10-16	P. 91-96 (Verb Rev.)		p. 68-71	Check p. 68-71 p. 72-73 (Ch10)
W 10-18		Go over review	p. 74-77	Check p. 74-77
M 10-23		Verb Test		Voc. Rev. Game (Ch 1-10)

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W 10-25	p. 97-98	p. 99-101	Unit 2 Test 1+3 (p. 79-80) (83-84)	Voc Quiz Ch 1-10 (Use Test 25)
M 10-30	103,	104,107,108,111		p. 86-87 (Ch11)
W 11-01	105-106, 109, 114	115-116	p. 88-91	Check p. 88-91 p. 92-93 (Ch12)
M 11-06	117-118,	Plurals Quiz 120	p. 94-97	Check p. 94-97
W 11-08	121-122	124		Voc. Quiz Ch 11-12 p. 98-99 (Ch 13)
M 11-13	125-126	127,130	p. 100-103	Check p. 100-103 p. 104-105 (Ch14)
W 11-15	132-133		p. 106-109	Check p. 106-109
M 11-27	132-136 Noun rev.	Noun test Best of 2 grades		Voc. Quiz Ch 13-14 p. 110-111(Ch 15)
W 11-29	137-141 (Coma Rev)	142,146	p. 112-115	Check p. 112-115
M 12-04	147-148	150,154-155,158- 159	Unit 3 Test 1+3	Voc. Quiz Ch 11-15 Use Test 2
W 12-06	152,156, 161-162	164-166 together		
M 12-11		Adjective Test		