

**I, Ms. Black, EXPECT the following from you, the student:**

- **Respect yourself.** Wear school appropriate clothing, speak up for yourself, always do your best, and never give up. If you find you are in the wrong (missing assignment, distracting behavior, etc.), own it, and resolve to do better.
- **Respect our class.** Prepare your work ahead of time, arrive on time, and participate fully, preferably with a good attitude. Clean up messes.
- **Respect me.** Come to class with paper, pen or pencil, the textbook you need and any relevant notes. If you fail to do this, ask a neighbor for a loan, not me. Always treat school books with care.

**You, the student, can expect the following from me and our class:**

- **Respect.** You will be spoken to with consideration and a smile.
- **Organization.** I will provide:
  - a detailed Assignment Sheet that tells what is due and when for each learning period; use this in the event of absence.
  - a fairly predictable class structure including a review of the previous period's homework assignment (sometimes peer corrected), a lecture during which you will take notes, and practice time. Occasionally we will also play games.
  - your corrected work returned to you within a week.
- **Fun.** I'm a pretty funny mujer, and I like to keep my students laughing.

Additionally, keep in mind that **this is an INDEPENDENT STUDY course**, and that our time in class is technically for review and enrichment, so **the completion of in-home assignments is essential**. MAR policy will be followed. If you meet my expectations and I meet yours, we will learn much and feel great satisfaction for our achievements. That is my wish for all of us.

**HW PACKETS**

Each time the class meets, homework is assigned that practices the specific skills taught that day. It usually consists of both textbook exercises and pages from the HW Packet. At the beginning of each class period, I will take questions about homework and go over answers. However, the finished packet and book work is not due to be submitted until the end of the chapter, usually on the day of the test. **Parents are given access to the workbook keys** so they can make sure their children are completing the packets correctly as they go along (I strongly recommend this). When packets are due, please make sure your book work is well-labeled, then staple it neatly to the HW Packet and turn it in.

**NOTECARDS FOR TESTS**

Students may prepare a notecard (both sides) no larger than 3X5 for use on each test (but not for quizzes). The process of preparing the notecard is a great way to study.

