Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to a new year at Alvin High School. I am pleased and honored to be your child’s 9th Grade English Language Arts teacher! I am truly looking forward to working with and getting to know each one of my students and their families this year. I pledge that if you participate in our exploration, I will do my best to make learning interesting, meaningful, and fun!

We will begin the year off by continuing from 8th Grade Language Arts and jumping into 9th grade content. Every student will be challenged everyday with rigorous and meaningful instruction that is aligned with the state content standards. I demand excellence from all of my students and expect that every student will put forth his or her best effort each and every day. This type of learning, however, can only take place with full cooperation by all involved.

I believe that organization, structure, and routine lead to this necessary behavior. Therefore, I have established many classroom procedures. Your child will be taught these procedures, and we will shoot for perfection by practicing these routines over the next week or two. I, too, have established procedures for myself that are for the benefit of my students. I believe that my routines will help my students know what to expect each day.

Students will be notified in advance of homework, lessons, assessments, and other aspects of our class. Homework and other announcements will be posted weekly on my website calendar (http://www.alvinisd.net/Domain/4270) and our Google Classroom page. In addition, the grade computing system for our class will be inside of the syllabus.

I can promise that I will work hard to provide the best instruction possible for my students. However, my dedication is expected to be matched by the student. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I can be reached by email at jmcgraw@alvinisd.net I look forward to working with you all!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennipher McGraw, M.Ed

9th Grade English Teacher

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