

Mrs. Clay's Language Arts & Social Studies

Classroom Information & Policies

Welcome to the new school year! I am looking forward to a productive year with your student. Please take a few moments to look over this information, and complete the *Parent Receipt of Information* on my class webpage. Thank you!

My priority is to partner with you in guiding your child to become a more independent learner and self-manager, through organization, perseverance, study skills, and self-discipline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email: aclay@murrieta.k12.ca.us or phone: 951-696-1410 ext. 4524

Thompson Website: <http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/6607>

You can find the majority of the answers you need by visiting our school site. The home page provides a link to *Aeries Grade Portal* Please check this link often to get up to date information on your child's grades, and missing assignments. The counseling department can assist you in getting your log in information.

If you click on the *Teachers* tab, you can visit all of your child's teachers' class pages. Once you are on my class page (Mrs. Clay), you will find many class documents, the *Parent Receipt of Information*, and link to my Haiku page. Log in information is also on this page.

HAIKU page: <https://mvusd.haikulearning.com>

My language arts and social studies classes are run through this learning management system. Many of your child's teachers do the same. Once logged in, you & your child can view all of their classes. Both you & your child will have your own log in info.

My classes are set up chronologically, by week. I will do my best to have all worksheets attached, so getting absent work will be a much easier process. I will review this in more detail at Back To School Night.

Supplies: Please see my class page for suggested supplies, or refer to the hard copy given out the first week of school. It is imperative students have their materials every day.

School & Classroom Rules: Our school dress code policy, and student handbook can be found on our Thompson website homepage. Please refer to these for specific questions. Our school also is implementing a Positive Behavioral Interventional Support (PBIS) program. My 3 classroom rules are in line with the PBIS: Be safe, Be responsible, Be respectful.

Following these three rules will ensure all students have a positive learning experience in the classroom. In addition, by following these rules, students will receive praise, and tickets for a weekly drawing, where no homework and front of the line passes will be given.

If a student chooses to break a rule, a verbal warning and redirection will be given. If the student continues to not follow the rules, they will have to sign the 3 strikes book. Upon the third strike (within a 6 week grading period), the student will serve a detention. Any severe behavior will be dealt with immediately, at the administrative level.

Grading Policy: For both language arts and social studies, my grading policy is as follows: Tests/Quizzes 35%, Projects/Writing Assignments 35%, Homework/Classwork/Class Participation/ISNs 30%. Grades are posted on the Aeries Grade Portal, found on the home page of the school's website. Please check the portal often.

Absent/Late work Policy: Student work must be turned in the day it is due. Late work, not due to an absence, is accepted, at a $\frac{1}{2}$ total credit deduction, and will only be accepted during the 6 week grading period in which it was assigned. **If a student is absent, they are also responsible for the work they missed. The fastest & quickest way to know what the student is missing that day, is to log into the Haiku page. All classwork & homework is listed there. The student will still need to get any notes taken when they return.** The student will get one day to complete the absent work for each day they were absent. The exception is when a project or writing assignment has been assigned prior to their absence. That will be due the day they return.

Agenda/Planners: I strongly encourage every student to obtain one, in order to keep assignments and due dates in an organized manner. Thank you for your support!

Warm Regards...Angie Clay