

Hi, Students!

As you know, I have been out sick. My family and I all came down with Influenza A, and I am still in no shape to return to class. (Being pregnant and having the flu is no fun!)

I hope that everything this week has gone smoothly so far. I know it is not easy having a teacher gone, and I have been working hard from home to ensure that lesson plans are clear and all materials are available for you.

Since I have been out this week, and you all won't be here on Monday or Tuesday, I wanted to touch base with you here. (What a week for me to be sick, huh?!!) In preparation for the changed schedule next week and a possible future campus closure, I would like you guys to focus today on a few preparations that will make everything run more smoothly should it be a bit longer before we return to a physical classroom setting.

1. **First**, please enroll in our google classroom now. I will still primarily be using our weebly website, but should we need to hold an online class for a while, you and I will need a place like google classroom to submit most work. (We will still use turnitin.com, as well.)

How to join a google class:

- a. Login to your school email
- b. Go to classroom.google.com
- c. Click the + in the upper right hand corner to "Join Class"
- d. Enter the class enrollment code
- e. Here are the codes. Be sure to enroll in your appropriate class!!

☐ Period 1: c5yrx7p

☐ Period 3: wnhexvh

☐ Period 5: vihncj4

Note: For more detailed help go to...

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6020297?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

2. **Second**, after reading this email and enrolling in our google class, you will go down to the library to checkout some books. (Don't be overwhelmed! This is just thinking and planning in advance for a worst-case scenario. I want you to have access to our next novels should we not be back by the time we begin our next units.)
 - a. Period 1: checkout *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Maus*
 - b. Period 3: checkout *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Maus*
 - c. Period 5: checkout *Gatsby*

3. **Third**, I want to give each class a few updates

- **Period 1 & 3**

- The *Romeo and Juliet* in-class argumentative essay will be postponed to Thursday 3/19. Should we still not be on campus at that time, I will communicate updates about it to you via weebly and google classroom.
- I had planned to begin our scene performance group project this week for *Romeo and Juliet*, but I will have to pause any action on this project until the shut-down situation becomes a little clearer. (Especially because this is primarily a performance based project...)

- **Period 5**

- We will be carrying on with our *Red Badge* novel unit as planned. Please complete the reading that is due on 3/19 (ch. 8-12). If there are any changes (which I do not anticipate there being any), I will post on our website under homework.
- The CAASPP test, which we were supposed to take on Tuesday, will be postponed (or perhaps cancelled altogether) until further notice. Stay tuned!

4. **And finally**, now for some honest talk...I want to say a few things about yesterday's substitute teacher report....

- **Period 1 READ ONLY:** Thank you guys for being so on top of your work and responsible. I received an excellent report from our guest teacher Mr. Howard yesterday! You guys rock, and I am proud of your class! ☺
- **Period 3 READ ONLY:** I received a very poor sub report from Mr. Howard yesterday. I am very disappointed by some of your conduct and will be contacting home for the names he left me. My expectations for you today are very high. I expect no less from you than to treat our guest teacher as you would a guest in your own home. Please show maturity and responsibility. In addition to communicating with some of your parents, I will also be addressing this issue when we return to class. There is no excuse for poor behavior. I know this was not everyone, and it would be unfair for me to assume so. As such, I want to thank those of you who controlled yourselves and acted responsibly and maturely.
- **Period 5 READ ONLY:** Mr. Howard said you did great during the quiz. He also said you were chatty during the assignment and settled down as time got close. I expect you all to stay focused and on task. Do not talk over each other and certainly do not talk over your guest teacher. My expectation for you today is that you are respectful and on task. I should not receive another report that says you are chatty.

Alright, I think that is about it! Hope you are all well and staying healthy and safe. Hope to see you all back on campus very soon! Email me if you need anything!

Take care and thanks for being excellent today!

Mrs. M ☺