Dear Students,

 Welcome to 6th grade! I am Ms. Zepp and I have the honor to be your ELA teacher over the next school year! This year is going to be unlike any other for the both of us. Nonetheless, over these next 180 days we are going to learn and grow together, get to know and respect one another and most importantly conquer and face challenges together. I have many goals for myself as your teacher, while I also have many goals for each one of you as my students. I will always be available to answer any questions, provide you with extra help and be a resource for you in your daily assignments.

 My number one goal as your teacher is for each one of you to become a stronger reader, writer and student by the end of our time together. However, to be successful in this goal, you need to set a goal for yourself to come to class motivated and ready to learn every day. You can only get out what you put in—my expectation is if I am putting in 110% every day, you are doing the same.

 In this classroom, we are all human and make mistakes. I hope we can learn from our own mistakes and each other’s. With that being said, I have a zero tolerance policy for any harassment and/or bullying. In order to achieve our goal of becoming stronger students, we need to provide a safe learning environment for everyone. This safe environment starts with respecting ourselves, our teachers and our classmates.

 Learning is a hard, yet rewarding process. I have no doubt each and every one of you will grow and learn something new each day. This school year is going to be challenging, but together, we can conquer that challenge. I look forward to working with you all as a class and individuals. Please never hesitate to talk to me before class, after class, or after school. Each one of you has the ability inside to succeed. I’m simply here to bring out that ability and put it to use!

Let’s have a successful, healthy and learning filled school year!

Ms. Zepp

*“The best teachers show you where to look, but don’t tell you what to see.” Alexandra Trenfor*

**Ms. Zepp’s Google Classroom Expectations**

* You will join the Google Meet on time and be present
	+ Join when the Google Meet starts
	+ When you join, be sure your microphone is MUTED
	+ You are not chatting in the chat box, walking around your house, or speaking to other people
* You will be prepared with all materials when you join our meeting
	+ You must have your workbook and novel every single day
	+ Grab a pencil or pen before the meeting starts
* You will turn in completed homework and class assignments on time
	+ On time means BEFORE class starts, the assignment is turned into Google Classroom in the correct location. When in doubt, it’s always better to email it to me than to not turn it in at all
	+ Unless something has been prearranged and discussed with me, for every day that an assignment is

turned in late it will drop 5 points. *Remember: some points are better than a 0*

* Because homework is **always** 5 points, you do not receive partial credit for incomplete or late

homework – either you have it or you don’t.

* We will be reading a lot in class and outside of class. It is your job to keep up with our readings in

order to participate in the daily assignment

* It is your responsibility to make up any missed work, assignments and receive any information you missed
	+ You have a day for a day to make up any missed work
	+ I will always provide you with your missing work, but it is your responsibility to complete it
	+ All assignments will always be on the Google Classroom
* You will always give your best and try your hardest
	+ It is important to give your best effort into all work you turn in and complete. We are all human and

have off days, but that doesn’t mean the work stops.

**Name calling, profanity, bullying and harassment are not acceptable in this Google**

**classroom.**

Rule of thumb for appropriate behavior and conduct: *If you wouldn’t say it (or type it)*

*to your grandmother, don’t say it in the classroom.*

I have high expectations for both you, myself and our time together! Although we’re

not seeing each other in person quite yet, we still can be successful learners! Let’s tackle online learning together and make it the best school year yet!

*“Today I shall behave as if this is the day I will be remembered.” Dr. Seuss*