

German I with Frau Weser

Disclosure Document

Goals

- Communication in German—you will learn to listen, speak, read and write in German. Daily classroom **participation and homework are required.**
- Cultural Awareness—you will be exposed to traditions (regional and countrywide), attitudes and current events.
- Connections with other disciplines—you will learn reading, writing, math, art, etc. all in German (all at a German I level of course 😊)
- Comparisons to the English language—you will be amazed at how much more you will come to understand the language concepts you learned in all of your English Classes (this is just a natural benefit of learning any foreign language).
- Community—as you learn German your horizons expand. You will also be **expected to work in groups within the classroom on a regular basis.**

Class Rules--the following rules apply to every student

- Be considerate of the teacher and of your classmates at all times.
- Do not disrupt the class in any way.
- Do not sleep in class.
- Do not bring food or drinks (other than water) to class.
- Do not do work for other classes in this class.
- No ipods or cell phones. (1st offense warning; 2nd offense I will take it until the end of the day; 3rd offense I will take it to the office for a parent to retrieve)

Grading

- *Participation* is a must. If you are not in class, it is really hard to participate. As you are learning a foreign language, the classroom will probably be your number 1 source of hearing and learning the language. It is imperative that you **attend class**. While in class you will need to participate. Part of this participation grade is based on you having a **Deutschheft (notebook) and using it everyday**. You will receive a **weekly participation grades**—30% of overall score.
- *Classroom assignments* will occur on a **daily basis**. These assignments will include listening activities, worksheets, writing, etc. You will work **individually sometimes**, but will be expected to work **frequently in assigned groups**. You will be part of the same group for the entire term. There will be a **bell ringer assignment** waiting for you everyday. You will be expected to enter the classroom and get started right away. Homework will be included in this area. You will be expected to spend 20 minutes everyday outside of class practicing what you have learned in class. A report of how

many minutes you spent will be given at the end of every week. Classroom assignments equal 30% of overall score.

- *Learning quizzes and projects* will occur at various intervals throughout the term. Learning quizzes will require you to **work and rework the evaluation until you have reached the required level of mastery** (mastery will be set at the time of the quiz, usually between 80-96%). I firmly believe that quizzes should be a learning experience where you are able to work and rework so that you can see what you really know. Projects will be either group or individual in nature. Quizzes and projects will be 30% of the overall score.
- *Current Events*—each student will submit at least **3 current events** (about Germany or German people) **every term**. Your **disclosure document** is included in this section. This will be 10% of overall grade.

Materials Needed

- One 3 subject notebook (Deutschheft)—must bring everyday
- Something to write with everyday
- Occasionally materials to complete a project.
- Access to a computer (may use school computers)

Videos and DVDs in the Classroom

- Occasionally we will watch a movie or part of a movie other than those that come with the course material. *****Parents who have an issue with their children watching a PG movie should note it on the signed portion of this disclosure document.**

This will be a GREAT year. A lot will be required of you, but if you participate in class, do your assignments and homework you will not find it difficult to get an AWESOME grade. Learning a foreign language will open up a world of opportunities for you. I hope you are as excited for the adventure as I am.....Frau Weser

Please Sign & Return the Bottom Portion of Disclosure Document by Sept 2nd

Student Name (please print) _____ Period _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Email (parent) _____ (student) _____

Phone Number _____