

# Mr. Arresto's Grading Policy

**Attitude Grade** – Everyone begins each marking period with a 50 / 50 for his or her attitude grade. Come prepared to class and participate in any way that you can. Participate positively – arrive prepared, complete class assignments, ask questions, add comments, and listen to others – and your grade will remain the same. If you shout out your ideas, interrupt others, are frequently unprepared, are disrespectful in class, or **simply don't participate**, you will lose points off of this grade.

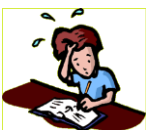
**Homework Grade** – All homework assignments must be copied into your Bellmore-Merrick Daily Planner every day. It is the first thing that you will do each day – do not wait for me to tell you to copy the HW. Come into the room, take out your planner, and start copying the HW from the white board by my desk.



- ⇒ Each HW assignment is worth five (5) points towards your HW grade.
- ⇒ Some homework assignments will be collected and graded, while others may just be checked and reviewed in class.
- ⇒ **I will consider sloppy or incomplete homework to be late until it is done properly.** Take pride in your work, and show me that you're a hard worker.
- ⇒ If you are having a tough time with a homework assignment, try your best! **No effort = no credit.**
- ⇒ If you do not do your HW, you have **one day** to make it up for half credit.
- ⇒ **Failure to hand in a homework assignment will result in a grade of ZERO.**

**When you are absent, you are expected to go to the class website and complete the work that you've missed for that day. You are also responsible for copying any notes you may have missed from one of your classmates and going to extra-help (in room 141) if necessary.**

**Tests and Quizzes** – Unit tests are always announced days in advance. Some quizzes will be announced, such as spelling, and some will not, such as those based on a previous night's reading assignment or a previous day's class work. **ALWAYS BE PREPARED!**



- ⇒ All missed tests or quizzes must be made up after school in extra help or during lunch in the testing room no later than **three days after you return** to school. **Failure to make up a quiz or test during this time will result in a grade of ZERO.**
- ⇒ Spelling and pop quizzes will be made up the day you return from an absence.
- ⇒ The lowest QUIZ grade will be dropped each marking period.



**Rewrites** – You will have an opportunity to earn back partial credit for **MOST writing assignments** in this class. All students should take advantage of this allowance – the extra work is worth it! **If you are going to rewrite a particular writing assignment, YOU MUST COME TO EXTRA HELP FIRST!**

**Extra Help Schedule**  
**Monday & Thursday – 2:41 – 3:16 PM**

**Special Circumstances** – As we all know, special circumstances occasionally arise that prevent us from accomplishing what we normally would. If you have special circumstances that you need to discuss with me, please do so privately and *on your own time*. I **DO NOT** accept computer / printer malfunction excuses.

> **NOTE:** You can clean out your binder at the beginning of each marking period, but do not remove any colored dittos. We will refer back to those dittos frequently throughout the year. If you misplace any colored ditto, go to my class website and reprint it from the “Important Handouts” dropdown. Also, when you clean out your binder, don’t throw out the work; you can use those materials to study for the final.

**How Do I Figure Out My Average?**



I use **summative scoring**, which means that each marking period there will be a certain number of points to be earned (X). To figure out your average, divide the total number of points that *you* earned by X. You will enter all of your grades onto your “grade sheet.” Keep this sheet in your “grades” folder, and use it to compute your average at any time.

<b>These Items Count 1X</b>	<b>These Items Count 2X</b>
Quizzes, graded homework assignments, attitude grade, minor writing assignments, HW grade	Tests, projects, essays, and other major writing assignments

Here is an example of how to compute your average:

	ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE GRADE	YOUR GRADE	COUNTS
1.	Unit Test – Harry Potter	100	90	2X
2.	Poetry Quiz	50	35	1X
3.	Spelling #2	20	15	1X
4.	Essay	100	85	2X
	Total	470	400	

Your Points = 400 / Possible Points = 470  
 $400 / 470 = .85106$       **Marking Period Average =**



# Supplies



- ✓ One binder (at least 1 ½ inches) with three dividers. You will label each section for English class in the following order:

1) Literature

2) GUMS (Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, Spelling)

3) Writing

- ✓ A folder labeled GRADES. This can be kept in the back of your binder.
- ✓ A pencil case containing at least two highlighters, a red pen (for editing), blue or black ink pens, white out, and many #2 pencils
- ✓ Plenty of loose-leaf paper in each section

Above all else, I value hard work. When times get tough, do you give up easily, or do you buckle down and try twice as hard? If you are willing to give it your all, you will succeed in this class. If you are a slacker who constantly does the least amount which is acceptable, then your grades will reflect that.

Email: [sarresto@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us](mailto:sarresto@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us)

Class Website: [www.sarresto.weebly.com](http://www.sarresto.weebly.com)

## Your Important Log-In Information

BMCHSD Username	
BMCHSD Password	
BMCHSD Email Address	
Classwork/Homework Blog Code	

**Do not let any friends or classmates see this personal information!**

# Guidelines for Mr. Arresto's Class

1. Always give your best effort. Try your hardest on every assignment, and you **will** improve over the course of the year.
2. Remember – Grand CARES. Be kind and helpful to your classmates. Respect your teacher, your peers, and our classroom. I expect all students to behave like mature young adults.
3. Work to the bell . . . or at least until I say it's time to pack up. **If one student packs up early, the whole class stays after the bell.**
4. Wait until I'm done talking/teaching to use the garbage, sharpener, dictionaries, etc. It is extremely rude to just stand up and start walking around the room as a teacher is speaking.
5. Use "please" and "thank you." Basic manners go a long way in life.
6. NEVER throw anything in our classroom. If someone needs to borrow a pen, get up and hand it to him/her.
7. Please wait until I have finished giving the mini lesson to ask to use the restroom. You must take the pass whenever you leave the classroom.
8. It is against the rules to chew gum at Grand Avenue, but in case I miss that you are chewing gum, be sure to throw it out *in a garbage can* when you are done with it.
9. Please don't walk into the classroom and ask to go to the bathroom, your locker, the office, the nurse, your previous classroom, guidance, or anywhere else. You will be allowed to get what you need or use the restroom **after** you have copied the HW and I have explained the goal for the day or have given the mini-lesson.
10. If you are absent the day an assignment is due, you are expected to email it to me that day. I will consider the assignment late if you do not. If you have extenuating circumstances, it is *your* responsibility to speak with me the day you get back or email me prior to that.
11. Show up on time and prepared. **Three unexcused latenesses in a marking period will result in detention.** Being unprepared will negatively affect your attitude grade.
12. "My printer is broken/out of ink" has become the "my dog ate my homework" of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. **I never accept this excuse.** If your printer really is broken, email the assignment to me **as an attachment** or save it to a flash drive and print it in the library.
13. Respect substitute teachers as much as you respect your daily teachers. If you misbehave or are insubordinate for a substitute, you will receive lunch detention in 208 (the Dean's Office).