

**Creative Writing
Course Outline
Mrs. Sherri Delk**

Textbook: **The Creative Writer’s Craft**

Classroom Rules.

1. Be on time.
2. Come prepared.
3. Stay on task.
4. Be diplomatic and courteous.
5. Demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior in independent and group situations.

Supplies

Folder for Creative Writing	#2 pencils	blue/black pens
	journal	

Grading Scale:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

Course Content: This one semester course is designed to help students improve their creative writing skills primarily in the areas of short stories, essays, and poetry. While students will be using a creative writing textbook and will participate in classroom projects and mini lectures, most of the students’ time in class will be spent writing and revising their creative work. Therefore students will be asked to work independently as well as in groups.

Fun Factor: This course is also designed to allow students to have fun with their writing and to feel free to share their work. For the most part students will be allowed to choose their own topics for writing so long as the topics stay within the Code of Conduct and good taste.

Homework: Most homework assignments will be the completion class work. Students who use their time wisely in class should have a light homework load.

Makeup work: Students are responsible for makeup work. All assignments must be completed within the required time. Students who are absent Tuesday will complete all work by Friday. Students absent Thursday and Friday will complete all work by the next Tuesday. Help sessions may be scheduled after school by appointment.

Classroom procedures

Classroom Attitude: Students are expected to demonstrate a professional attitude in class in their behavior and dress. Interfering with your learning or the learning of others is not acceptable behavior.

Entering classroom: Please enter the classroom quietly and be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings.

Channel One and announcements: All students are expected to remain quiet during Channel One and during announcements.

Turning in papers: All papers are to be submitted the day they are due. Students will pass papers to the front of the row. The students at the front will pass the papers to the students nearest Mrs. Delk's desk. These students will place papers in the assigned trays.

Textbooks: Students are expected to have their books with them for each class. Required novels are considered textbooks.

Taking tests: All tests must be made up in a timely manner. Makeup tests will not necessarily be the same test given in class but will test the same skills.

Contacting Mrs. Delk: Parents and students are welcome to call me at my home for assistance or for clarification of an assignment- 646-0893. Please call before 9:00PM. I may also be reached 7: AM- 2:30PM by email through the Polk County School Board website: Sheryl Delk@ Polk-fl.net.

I have read and understand the Creative Writing Course Outline.

Signature of the parent _____

Signature of the student _____

August 3, 2004

Dear Parents:

I am delighted to have your child in my Creative Writing class this year. This class is one of my favorite classes to teach. I love to read their creative writings and to watch their writing skills improve throughout the semester.

I have tried to design the course so that students of all ability levels can enjoy the class. We will start with them where they are and attempt to give them new ideas and techniques for improving and polishing their individual writing styles. We will learn from the textbook, and we will learn from each other.

All I ask is that students come to class with open minds: willing to try new things, to share, and to respect theirs and other's need for quiet writing time.

Keeping up with their work and attending class regularly will be important. If they get behind, they may have homework to get caught up on their class work.

My goal is for my students to have the opportunity to think and to write creatively and to feel a sense of pride in their growth as writers at the end of the semester

If you have any questions, please contact me at home at 6460893 or on line at Sheryl.Delk@Polk-fl.net.

Sincerely,

Sherri Delk

