

Dear St. Augustine Parents,

I am Melba Ornelas-Gonzales and will be your child's senior (12th grade) AP or regular Language Arts teacher this year. What we do together does make a difference so I'm asking for your help and your support. If you hired a carpenter to build a house for you, you would expect the job to be done well, but no one can do a good job if he doesn't have the right tools for it. Each of us, then, has a job to do so your child will successfully reach his/her potential. It first begins at home; therefore, I'm asking for your full cooperation. Help me get the job done! I know that this age group is a challenge and a hand full, but together we can nurture, mold and orchestrate a mature, disciplined individual.

Reading and writing, for example, are the tools needed for building and continuing success. In my class, that will be the focus through class work and especially, homework. Be concerned about your roles as parents. Let me suggest that you take an assertive stand by becoming a leader and a guide so that your child's future is happy and productive. Make sure that he/she applies himself/herself and takes everything seriously because my class will be challenging and effective so that he/she can function, not only in high school, but at the college/university level as well. Any activity given to him/her will guarantee a life long lesson. I wholeheartedly believe that commitment leads to success.

May this year be a happy, prosperous and rewarding one for you and your child. Welcome to my class where I can guarantee that my students will be engaged in a task-filled, learning environment the entire class period. What they learn will prepare them for life. Please feel free to call me at the school-724-8131 to set up an appointment, or you can meet with me after classes let out in the afternoon in room 105 from 3:15 to 4:00 pm. The rapport we establish is in your child's best interest. Thank you, may God Bless you and yours, and remember, when you place God first, everything else will fall into place.

We are what we teach--Yours in education,

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