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PORTLAND WALDORF
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ESL Class Syllabus 2016-17

This class is designed to help students improve their English language skills so that they can succeed in the high school and future college-level courses they take with native English speakers

The ESL classes consists of three parts:

1) **English Class** (Focusing on Pronunciation, Grammar, Writing, Speaking, Vocabulary, TOEFL preparation and overall improvement of English language skills)

2) **Homework Support** (ESL teacher will help students with the understanding and accurately completing that assigned homework from their other classes at Portland Waldorf School).

I will be available during lunch Monday-Wednesday for help with homework. I will find a classroom that we can use each week.

3) **Weekly conversation time** with your American conversation partner. I will set up up with a classmate who you will have lunch with once a week and speak English together.

At first these meetings will be structured and led by your ESL teacher to make sure you are getting the most speaking practice and getting to know another classmate well.

The Following grading scale will be applied:

A= 90-100%, B= 80-89%, C= 70-79%, D= 60-69%, F= 59% and below

Grades are based on class participation, quizzes and homework

Class participation 50%

(This includes speaking English only in class and at school and meeting weekly with your conversation partner)

Weekly Quiz or Writing Assignment 25%

Homework 25% *Late homework will not be accepted*

*You may **not** use Google Translate for homework. Please use a dictionary or ask for help.*

If you have questions you can email me: meghan.hof@portlandwaldorf.org

Class Format

1. Come to class ready to work. **Find your folder and begin “English Warm-Up”** We will do this everyday at the beginning of class (*10 minutes*).

Warm-up Examples:

- Free writing exercise from a writing prompt
- Vocabulary practice games
- Listen to a lecture and answer questions (use head phones)
- Record your pronunciation practice and listen to it back (use head phones)
- Read a short article and answer questions

2. **Lesson on English language skills** (*approximately 30 minutes*)

Lesson Examples:

- Academic Writing skills (organization, syntax, research strategies)
- Reading skills (understanding meaning, decoding, advanced vocabulary)
- Grammar (conditionals, subjunctive, articles, clauses, verb tenses, gerunds/infinitives)
- Listening/ note taking skills
- Presentation skills

3. **Practice**, writing or quiz (*20 minutes*)

Practice Examples:

- Writing for blog
- Practice TOEFL
- Grammar quiz (written or oral)
- Mini-presentation
- Pronunciation Game
- Reading Comprehension practice
- Listening to a news report, answering questions
- Finding and defining new vocabulary in reading passage