Welcome to Duval Homeroom

ASL 1

Mrs. Haralambou

Hello and Welcome!

These are unprecedented times. When I began teaching this course and when you began taking this course, you and I did not plan on taking this course online. Unfortunately, in a state of national emergency which can affect the health of millions, we need to do what we can. Duval County Public Schools is stepping up and doing their best to continue education and “bring the classroom to the children” (Dr. Greene, Superintendent).

As we begin these uncharted waters, I ask that you be patient with yourself, your classmates, with me, and even with your family and friends. I also ask that you show grace, especially to each other. We do not know what goes on in each other’s lives. When you physically go to class, it is easy (or easier?) to compartmentalize what’s happening in our lives. When you’re working from home and dealing with 500 other things, it is not as easy. We don’t know who among us is or will get sick or will be taking care of someone who is sick. We don’t know who among us have lost income and are worrying about paying the bills. We don’t know who among us have had to return home to an uncomfortable environment. We don’t know who among us is dealing with mental health issues which may have been exacerbated by the social isolation. The list goes on. Please be patient and show grace.

Below you will find the syllabus changes. I will be implementing these changes on Microsoft Teams these next few weeks. Please try to look at this as a positive in what can seem like negative and uncertain times. I understand that taking ASL online is NOT ideal, but we will get through this. Remember you are free to contact me as many times as you need. I will help you in any way I can.

Remember, we are all in this together.

Mrs. Charlotte Haralambou

I want to be real and open with you so that you can feel comfortable and be real and open with me. How I have been personally affected:

-My husband was laid off Monday, March 16th. He has health issues that puts him in the high-risk category.

-My parents live with me and my father recently battled cancer (and is in remission), but this also puts him in the high-risk category.

*If either of them gets this virus, it could prove deadly. We are practicing social distancing as much as possible.*

American Sign Language 1

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Course Descriptions

The purpose of this course is to enable students to begin to acquire proficiency in American Sign Language through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of receptive and expressive signing skills and on the acquisition of the fundamentals of applied grammar. Cross-cultural understanding is fostered and real-life applications are emphasized throughout the course**.**

Methods of Instructions

Methods of instruction will include online instruction/presentations (live and/or prerecorded). Worksheets/Files and Post-Threads. You will be asked to video yourself on a program called Flipgrid so that I may evaluate students’ progress. These videos will not be posted on any social media site. They are for my viewing alone.

Late Work & Absent Policy

Online learning is new for us all but one thing that is not new = late work.

You will have assignments each week and deadlines for these assignments. *At this point I cannot tell you exactly how many assignments, but expect 2 to 3 a week.* The deadline will be clearly stated and will not be adjusted.

If you become sick, please contact me as soon as possible so I can modify this and stay in contact so that we can work something out.

(Sick = Virus/Flu, not tummy ache)

Attendance

You are expected to log-in to the Microsoft Teams once a day. Please do so BEFORE 2:30 p.m.

We are asked to take attendance everyday, but we will still record attendance following the A/B schedule.

*My suggestion, log-in everyday – to EVERY CLASS - and look at any announcements or updates that may be posted – even if there is no new assignments to complete. It may be hard to remember “Is it A-day or B-day?” since we won’t physically be going to class.*

My School Website

My school website is still available and I will encourage you to go back and review previous units as we continue our newest units. **Sandalwoodasl.weebly.com**

Grades

Grades will still be managed through Focus.

**3rd Quarter ends – April 8th.**

**4th Quarter Progress Reports – May 1st**