

Back to School Night 2019

Mrs. Jackie Epler



About Mrs. Epler

- ELA/SS Teacher
- Reading Specialist
- Former Middle School English Teacher
- Club Advisor
 - Art Club



About Our Day

- Homeroom 8:30-8:50 am / Dismissal 3:20 pm
- Lunch & Recess 11:50 am -12:40 pm
- Notes for pickup/ call the office
- Morning Announcements/Drama (for 5th grade only)
- Chromebooks
- Our Learning Space (paperless!)
- Reach out to me!
- Follow us on Twitter [@MrsEplerELA](https://twitter.com/MrsEplerELA)



Technology

- Chromebooks
 - A privilege
 - Chromebook Fee (\$20)
 - Broken Chromebooks (see letter from Technology Department)
- Google Chrome Sign In
- Electronic Backpack
- PowerSchool Portal/Chester Homepage
- Google Classroom Summaries



Important to Note



- Allergy Policy
 - We have peanut & tree-nut free classrooms
 - Nut-free table at lunch (pack a peanut free lunch if your child is invited to the table by a classmate)
 - NO food for celebrations except through Pomptonian/No goody bags
- HIB Policy
 - There is a Board Policy on this
 - We practice Character Ed lessons
 - If there is a concern to reach out to teachers/guidance and/or fill out HIB-ster, on the district website under Parents tab

Class Mom

Michelle Drag (TJ Drag's mom)

- Class Parties/Class Supplies
 - Halloween Party
 - Holiday Party
 - Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social
 - End of the Year Party

Social Studies Topics

- Constitution
- Land Acquisition
- Industrial Revolution
- Slavery & Emancipation
- Holocaust (and speaker)
- Civil War
- Map Skills: Map Scale & Longitude/Latitude
- Test Alerts



Google Classroom

(parent summaries)

Online Notebooks

(notebook checks)

****Project-based OR online
Unit tests***

Minimal Homework

ELA - Writing/Reading

- Writer's Workshop
 - Free Writing Journal
 - Essay/Personal Narrative/Realistic Fiction
- Literature Circles
 - Reading Response Journal
 - Book Groups
- Whole Class Read Alouds
- IRB (Independent Reading Book)



Homework:

- *READ, read, ReAd, rEaD*
 - *Audio Books: Learning Ally*
 - *With your child*
 - *Have your child read to a sibling/pet*
- *Nonfiction text/questions*
- *Study for Vocabulary Quiz (link posted on Classroom)*

ELA - Grammar & Vocabulary

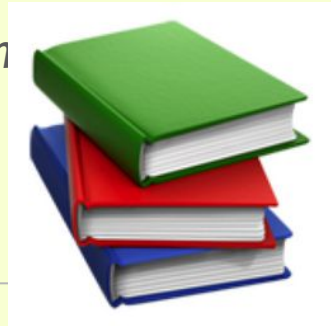


- Vocabulary Workshop
 - Word Study/Spelling program
 - Book
 - Online component
- Grammar
 - Prepositions, verb tenses, conjunctions, comparative and superlative adjective and adverbs

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- *Sign planners on Thursdays*



ELA Grading

- **Vocabulary Quizzes** (weighted once)
 - Spelling of word
 - Meaning of word
- **Classwork/Participation/Homework**
(weighted once)
- **Writing Pieces** (weighted twice)
- **Literature Circles** (weighted once; self-reflection grade)



Incidentals

Absences: call the office no later than 10 am to report absences or send me an email by 8:30am and I can alert the office

- HW request if child has been absent **more than** 2 days
- Vacation: requested work prior to vacation should be completed by the time the child returns to school

Pick-ups: send a note or email the main office

- Pick-up in Ms. Cangiano's room, **Rm. 112**

Notices for Parents: Check the district's Digital '**backpack**' weekly

Planners: Check nightly at the beginning of the year

THURSDAY NIGHT is planner sign-off

PowerSchool: Be sure you are able to access PowerSchool. Having difficulties?? Reach out to the main office or Kathryn Maxton at the Board of Ed office

Questions?

- Visit my webpage (On Chester Home Page)
 - <https://www.chester-nj.org/JEpler>
- Email is the best way to reach me!
 - jacqueline.epler@chester-nj.org
- Follow:
 - CSD - Facebook/Twitter
 - BraggSchool - Twitter

