Freshman Update for SUN March 22

Q3 Grade Comments

Check your email for an explanation emailed to your parents of how much supervision I think you need for remote schooling. You can check your “score” for that on Powerschool. If it is not a ‘1’ you might want to give extra attention to the part about a distraction-free work space.

Ch 1 & 2 Ongoing Assignment

On my instructional plan for next week, the Ch 1 & 2 Ongoing **will now be due THU March 26. Do not** email me about any option that you cannot do. My answer is simple- choose another one of the options. If you’ve already done it- great- you’re ahead of the game.

Q4 Prayer Leader

Everyone will record a video of themselves giving their Q4 prayer leader assignment. This will not be from your bed or in your PJs. Dress respectfully, carefully choose a nice space to record in- this is for prayer.

**Q4 Prayers will be due by an emailed video link**. If your prayer is on the calendar this coming week (March 23-27) your prayer is due by 2:30pm FRI March 27. Moving forward, by 2:30pm Friday, the people scheduled that week will have to have submitted their prayer. If/when we are back at school, we will simply play your recording on your assigned day OR you can ‘go live’. If we are remote, I will post each week’s prayers to you in the next week’s Instructional Plan.

Using Turnitin

You will continue to use turnitin for assignments. Remember- 30% similarity is the cut-off score for acceptance. The quickest way to lower your score is to remove my directions, followed by writing more original text. Submit early enough to know your score. If you go over 30%, as always, I will allow you to re-write and submit as late work (a 30% deduction).

If you do not score 100%, you should be checking your work at turnitin for teacher comments. Don’t keep making the same mistakes.

**Do not** email and ask me to check if your work is at turnitin. You can logout, log back in a few minutes later, click view on the assignment and check that for yourself. If it isn’t there, resubmit. Addressing any turnitin issue works best if you are not waiting until the last minute to submit.

**Do not** email me your work just in case it isn’t at turnitin. If an assignment is due at turnitin, I am not grading it from your email.

**Do not** email me that you couldn’t get your turnitin working and please don’t mark my work late. You have been using turnitin for 7 months. You know how to use turnitin and where to get help. Late work is late.

If turnitin is offline, you will get an email. If turnitin isn’t working for you, check for that offline email. If you don’t have an offline email, it’s you. Get help- ask a classmate, an upperclassman or contact Mrs. Strube at [lstrube@smccmonroe.com](mailto:lstrube@smccmonroe.com).

If turnitin is offline, due dates will be adjusted. Check your email.

Put late work in the Q4 Late Work folder. Sticking it in a random, open folder does not change its date and time stamp. I will know that it was late.

Miscellaneous

Assignments will still be due by 7:59am on the due date during these two (and any following) remote weeks.

Follow the instructional plan in order. Work is due in the form indicated, at the date and time indicated.

If you have a question on an assignment, start by re-reading the directions. If you decide to email me, do not just tell me that you don’t understand. There’s no response to that. Ask a question that I can answer for you. If you decide to email me, be respectful. Start by using my name not “hey”. Use a proper closing for a letter. BTW- this item applies to **every** teacher you might want to contact- ask a question- be respectful.

Here is my advice one last time

Commit to a set school time. Build in a break or two but do not make it/them overlong. When you have a job, employers only have to give you one (1) fifteen minute break on a four hour shift. That’s a good guideline. Do not make excuses to give yourself extra unplanned breaks. That said, perhaps after each subject you should get up, stretch, work off a few push-ups. Just don’t leave your school space or pick up an electronic distraction unless it is your planned break.  
  
Before you start, make sure you have good light, some water (*hydrated brains work better*), your iPad charger cord, Kleenex, a snack, paper and whatever other learning materials you might need. Being unprepared in your space is like planning to be distracted.  
  
Recognize that your teachers are not in front of you to demand your attention and that you will have to demand it of yourself. Make your school space distraction-free. You are not the great multi-taskers you think you are- no one is. Your cell phone is a distraction- it has an off switch. To help you, you could make an agreement with your circle of friends to all be phones-off during certain hours.