

Dear Parent,

Thank you for entrusting your student into Greater Atlanta Christian's care during this school year. I am delighted to instruct your child, and I know that we are on the cusp of a great year.

Please feel free to communicate with me via my home telephone or email. I appreciate it greatly when parents communicate with me as soon as possible any concerns they may have. Please realize that I might not be aware of the struggles your child has at home; he or she may show something completely different to his or her classmates and me at school. I feel that it is very important for parents, teachers, and students to collaborate with each other in the learning process, and I will try my hardest to communicate as clearly and promptly as I possibly can.

Please encourage your child to call me, email me, or talk to me at school if he or she is having difficulty or needs to inform me of a special need or concern. A very important lesson that students learn in the eighth grade is how to partner with their teachers to achieve their best educational experiences. I always appreciate it when a student takes it upon him or herself to talk to me rather than deferring that responsibility to his or her parents. This shows maturity, responsibility, and a willingness to take ownership of the learning process. In short, it shows me that the student is invested in his or her learning.

The following is what I expect from my students:

1. A desire to learn and grow
2. A willingness to work hard
3. A willingness to struggle through a challenge
4. An eagerness to participate with others (the teacher and fellow students) in the learning process
5. A sense of pride in doing a good job
6. A willingness to seek out answers when questions arise
7. The ability to formulate good questions so that they can achieve understanding
8. The ability to read and follow directions
9. A passion for reading and writing
10. A respect for others and for me

They may expect the following from me:

1. A passion for students and teaching
2. Clear expectations and instructions
3. A structured place to learn and grow
4. Specific feedback so they can make improvement
5. A variety of learning opportunities
6. A passion for reading and writing
7. Prepared daily activities
8. Respect for their feelings and time
9. Extra help if needed
10. Compassion, kindness, and occasional mercy

Again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I know your child and I will work together this year to grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man.

Sincerely,

Jami Denton

