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English 3405.003
Fall 2008
Children's Literature
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Textbooks:

Aardema, *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*
Griffiths and Frey, *Classics of Children's Literature*, 4th ed.
Baese, *Animalia*
Coerr, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*
Keats, *The Snowy Day*
Levine, *Ella Enchanted*
Lowry, *The Giver*
Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*
Van Allsburg, *Jumanji*
Wiesner, *Tuesday*

Other materials for both group and individual work will be added, so stay tuned. Also, you are responsible for learning from each other, and exams, responses etc. may include all handouts and other materials such as picture books and poems presented in class, whether by me or by others in the class.

Course Description and Objectives: By the end of this course, you should have a working knowledge of various types of children's literature—poems, folk tales, realistic fiction (including problem fiction), and fantasy, specific knowledge of particular works and forms, and skill in evaluating them. With lively and thoughtful discussion I hope you'll enjoy them, too.

Grading: Unless otherwise specified, your grading will be based upon 100 points as follows—

Mid-term Exam 15 %
Final Exam 20%
Picture Book Assignment 20 %
Novel Paper 25 points
Participation, quizzes as needed etc. 20%

Grades will use numbers instead of letters. These will convert into your final grade as follows: 92-100=A, 80-91=B, 70-79=C, 65-70=D, below 65=F.

Responsibilities and Policies:

1. Come to every class meeting, and keep the lines of communication open. Late work gets lowered grades unless we've come to a clear understanding before the due date.
2. No notebook computers, cell phones, mp3 players etc. on or out in the classroom. At all, ever, except as prescribed by the Office of Disability Services. They are a distraction and impede learning for everyone, not just the person using them.
3. Attendance is required, and more than two absences will affect your grade, as you cannot participate unless you are here. Work must be in on time, and late work will be penalized or refused. (This applies to intermediate stages of assignments as well as finished work.)
4. Honor Policy: The ethics of academic honesty dictate that students do their own work—always. Taking someone else's words or thoughts and using them in your own writing without giving credit is plagiarism as is cheating on exams etc. If I catch you doing any of it, you will fail the course and be reported to Judicial Affairs.
5. Paper Format: papers and class responses should be typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins and type no larger than 12-point, with your name, the class, the section number, and the date at the top. They should use MLA style for citations.

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Please Note: Any policy statement or syllabus is by its very nature a tentative document. Changes in any part, including grading, are possible during the semester, and an announcement in class will be considered sufficient notice of such change.

Important Dates:

Final version of picture book assignment Sept. 25

Mid-term Exam Oct. 9

Final draft of Novel Paper Nov. 15

Final Exam Tuesday Wed. Dec. 17 2:45-4:45 p.m.

Responses, quizzes etc. must be turned in on the collection days specified. No make-ups for these.