**Special Education Syllabus**

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| **Course Descriptions:**  English Language Arts: My class will focus on increasing comprehension and fluency of material. We will also work on the skills necessary for the writing process. Lastly, we will work on students’ IEP goals and objectives. Please know that there are many standards that we will cover in addition to the grade level ones. Some students may be working below grade level and material may be on the student’s instructional level.  Math: My math class will focus on learning to calculate and problem solve with basic math computations. We will also work on multi-step computations and multi-step problem solving. Lastly, we will work on students’ IEP goals and objectives. Please know that there are many standards that we will cover in addition to the grade level ones. Some students may be working below grade level and material may be on the student’s instructional level. |
| **Instructional Philosophy:**  I believe that education is very important in raising students to become life-long learners and productive members of society. Every student deserves to be in their least restrictive environment to the extent possible to meet their educational and behavioral needs. Through hard work and communication, we can make a difference in your child’s ability to be more independent and have the confidence they need to be successful in their everyday lives. |
| **Major Course Goals:**  English Language Arts: Student will increase their reading fluency, comprehension skills, and their writing skills.  Math: Students will increase their abilities in computation and problem solving. Students will increase their knowledge of solving multi-step computational and multi-step word problems. |
| **Major Course Projects & Instructional Activities:**  I will be providing differentiated instruction within my classroom. The activities will include whole & small group instruction, educational games, independent practice, assessments, and class warm ups. |
| **Course Assessment Plan:**  Students will be assessed based on skills that have been taught through informal measures (teacher made tests, data sheets, check lists, etc). Students are also assessed according to state, county, and school requirements. |
| **Classroom Expectations:**  The school discipline plan will be used in my classroom along with expectations set by our county. There will be more information regarding the school discipline plan from your child’s general education teacher or myself. Please keep a lookout for the information. |
| **Supplies and Materials Needed:**  Students are expected to bring their pencils, erasers, paper/notebook, homework, and content book daily**.** I will have some items that a student can borrow during my class. However, they will have to have collateral to borrow items. Once my item is returned at the end of the class, their collateral will be returned to them. |
| **Homework Policy & Grading Scale:**  Homework: As a general rule, homework is assigned by your child’s content  (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA) teachers. Students are expected to complete homework as assigned.  Grading Scale: All grades are weighted the same and based on 100 points.  Conduct Grades: These will be assigned by your child’s teachers. |
| **Extra Help:** If you should need any additional resources to help your child at home with academics or behaviors, please feel free to contact the school. I am unable to provide extra copies of worksheets due to our allotments for paper and copies. However, I have a list of web sites on my Teacher Web Page. My page has additional links that may help your child. My web page may be accessed by going to the Richmond County School System district page <https://www.rcboe.org/> and then to the Deer Chase Web page <https://www.rcboe.org/deerchase> .Click on “Staff and Departments”. Find my name and the page should upload for you. Lastly, please do not forget to have your child spend time each night on the iReady system. This is leveled to your child’s skill and reading level. |
| **Time and Place to be Reached by Parent:**  I believe that you know your student best and I welcome communication from you. I may be reached by phone at the school: 706-772-6240 or through email :  [simmoke1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:simmoke1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us). If I am unable to answer your phone call, please leave a detailed message with the office staff and I will call you back within 48 hours. Instructional time with your child is very important and I like to minimize the amount of time that I am away from them. I am available for conferences, but please call to schedule a time. |