

Dear Families,

I'm writing to share exciting news: we'll be using 2 main websites this year.

1. Google Classroom: All announcements and homework will be posted here. Please join the correct class.

Periods 2 & 3:

<https://bit.ly/3E3iyJ2>

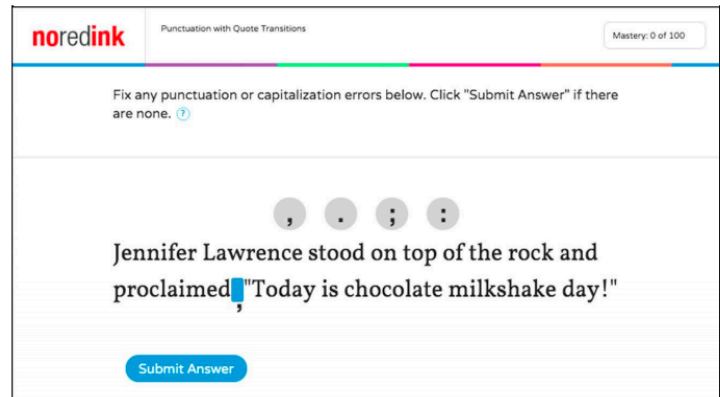


Periods 4 & 5:

<https://bit.ly/47r4t5>



2. NoRedInk.com will help your children practice their grammar and writing skills. In addition, NoRedInk provides adaptive, differentiated instruction. This means that the site adjusts questions in real time based on each student's needs. When learners get stuck, NoRedInk shows them tutorials that help them correct mistakes and keep going.



Your child's account will be connected to my own, so I can track progress on homework, quizzes, and practice exercises. Our class will only be working on concepts that are needed based on the results of the Inventory Assessment. Therefore, we may not be using this website all year.

Assignments

You will receive an "Assignment" in your online account. You should spend time at home every night working on the assignment for our grammar topic. Your homework assignment for each topic is to do your on-line assignment and get a score of 100% by the due date.

Practice

Even if you score 100% on your assignment, time each day (about 10 minutes) should be devoted to working on these skills. You can access unlimited practice in the Practice tab of your account; from there, you can choose specific sub-topics to practice. The more you practice, the better you will understand these rules. Your writing will reflect these skills! You will have an opportunity to show your mastery the day you take your assessment quiz.



Assessment

On Wednesdays, we will have an in-class assessment quiz on the current grammar topic. Quizzes will be taken on a laptop/ipad and will be worth 10 assessment points each. When we finish our topic of study, a new topic will be available for you; you can take a pretest on the new topic and then begin assignments and practice for the new topic.

Let's get started.... Access the website

Period 2: <https://bit.ly/3OAYlc> or <https://www.noredink.com/join/colorful-coat-56>

- Type in the Class Invite Code: colorful coat 56

Period 4: <https://bit.ly/3qmGKTM> or <https://www.noredink.com/join/useful-nutmeg-70>

- Type in the Class Invite Code: useful nutmeg 70

Signing Up After clicking "Student" on the homepage:

Instructions:

- Type in your Username (Must have your first name in it.)
- Create a password
- Type your first and last names (use your "classroom" name)
- Click correct gender and check mark that you agree to the terms and privacy policy
- Click the blue Sign Up button

Choosing Interests & Hobbies - optional

On the next screen, you're prompted to choose things or people that interest you.

- Take a few minutes to choose *if you'd like to*; this provides the site information to use your "interests" in the practice/quiz sentences
- Do not choose Facebook friends under that category
- Click the blue Continue button at the bottom when you're done
- A window will pop up asking for your grade – enter and click Done

Understanding the Dashboard

The Dashboard shows you different options you can access.

- Assignments tab – see assignments and do them here (this is homework)
- Quiz tab – quizzes can be accessed here (final quizzes will be in class)
- Practice tab – practice and improve skills here (unlimited practice)
- Progress tab – find out how you are improving here

These websites are listed in Google Classroom if you would rather click on the link. NoRedInk will be a fantastic resource for our young scholars! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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