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Succeeding Ms. Reichmuth’s Class

As you enter the classroom, she meets you by the door with a beaming smile. She makes eye contact with every single person exclaiming a bright, “Good morning!” At first, I found this process useless in the morning, but as time passed, I felt recognized every morning by her help. In Ms. Reichmuth’s class, you will learn so many new things that other classes don’t teach you. To start, the different huge projects she assigns may seem profuse at first but these projects open up awareness for real-world problems. No other class would be teaching you the same thing. Additionally, as she first mentions her class is a “high school boot camp”. Throughout the long projects, you will be improving all your writing skills as well as improving skills in your overall performance. Without knowing it, by the end of the year you would become more aware, have better writing skills, and improved conducting skills with a special experience.

To begin, one of the main things that I mainly enjoyed though the time in her classroom was doing all the massive projects. Three of the main projects that I did during my time in her class were ones about endangered animals, social injustice and disabilities. Thankfully, in every project me or my group was able to choose our topic. To explain, for the social injustice project, my team was allowed to choose any country around the world. This gave us an opportunity to explore and research different places. To add on, when you're in her class, you'll do projects that no other class will do. This may seem really irritating and useless at first, but fortunately, these aren’t just simple projects that teach you nothing. All the projects cover a vast amount of curriculum standards. Writing all the essays will prepare you for the future as she gives you formal advice. At the same time, from showing the news almost everyday and having class discussions about global events, you become more aware of the events happening even from across the world. In my experience, before her classroom, I didn't have any knowledge about what was happening in other places except from the frequent major events my family brought up. But when I was in Ms. Reichmuth’s classroom, I gained more awareness and knowledge of incidents and why. In addition to gaining more knowledge about the world, you also improve your writing skills.

“Quality over quantity,” she also states when she assigns a new essay. This is a very important key factor in order to get full credit. You may sometimes think she's not going to read the whole thing thoroughly, but she will. She spends hours underlining all her favorite parts and reading it for every single essay. Ms. Reichmuth may seem scary and strict at first, but once you get into the flow of things she's really a super thoughtful person. She knows how stressful life could be and asks you for your opinion on when the due date should be. She also recognizes how fortunate we are and reminds us to think of the positive things even in the hardest moments. One of the first books she reads is the book called, “You Are Special” by Max Lucado. In this book, a puppet learns how to not to care about all the criticism and compliments that he was getting. As the book states, “You are special.” Apart from this, if you go “above and beyond” in your class you’ll be met with extra credit. Putting in your full effort into an assignment can earn you a few extra points and raise up your grade. Putting in my work will also prepare you for a teacher who expects way more than everyone else. In a similar manner, all her essays are just a simple practice for higher grades. In her class, you’ll learn preferable formal formats to write your essay so that high school will be easier. Using all the outlines she gives you will help clear up your brain and format your essay into a strong one. While improving your writing skills, you will also achieve stronger experiences there.

Ms. Reichmuth’s class gave me a different experience than a regular Core class. Foremost, you learn how to manage your time wisely and in a way that will get more work done even faster. Being able to manage time is not just a skill she teaches for her class, but also for your adult and high school life as well. Along with time management, the “Daily Jay” and her other mindfulness videos center you so that you can participate in her class and other classes better. In turn, her meditation moments can help you do better in school and give you a calmer and more open brain. This is also another position that shows how helpful Ms. Reichmuth could be in order for you to have an easier life. She also does “kind deeds” almost every morning to remind us to feel fortunate about our lives. The kind deeds also help you start off your day on a positive note unlike any other class in which you learn and then leave. Lastly, Ms. Reichmuth’s various PBL’s give you new perspectives on the world around you. Researching the topics helps you gain a new perspective towards many important issues. For example, The Ability Project helped my classmates and I gain more respect for the disabled and helped us learn more about the condition. Before her class or the project, I didn’t know all the struggles that a disabled person could be going through. After the project, I acquired more addimiration of them. The activities that go along with the projects also give you a way to look at the world through the eyes of disabled people. Throughout the year, before you know it, time will fly by fast, and you’ll be more experienced than ever.

In this classroom, you will become more aware of the world, gain more practice in writing, and experience a new learning environment. Using her projects and class discussions, major problems around the world are brought up and addressed. Her class allowed me to become more aware and understand others when they were talking about what happened unlike when I was confused before. When you're in her class, you’ll also learn how to write essays formally as well as build up your common skills. Unfortunately, you may think these projects are boring but when you finish them, you’ll feel fully accomplished and have done more practice in writing essays. Ms. Reichmuth’s class gives you a whole new experience that no other students will get to encounter. Just by listening and following her directions to your hardest, will earn you a worthy grade. Although it may seem as another tiring year of middle school, Ms. Reichmuths class is a whole nother opportunity. One of my favorite quotes from “The World According To Mr. Rogers” explains the value of every person. As Mr. Rogers states, “If only you could sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet, how important you can be to the people you may never dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.”

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