

Willkommen!

Deutsch I
Junior High East

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Welcome to German I! I am very excited to begin the school year and to have you as my student. I am looking forward to a year of fun and learning. I hope that we will be able to learn together as you are introduced to the German language and culture.

What to Expect:

This year we will be learning a variety of vocabulary words and phrases. We will also learn the basic grammatical structures needed to use the new vocabulary in sentences. In order to practice, we will read, write, listen and speak in German. While learning the vocabulary and grammar we will also spend time discussing various parts of German culture.

Materials You Will Need:

To be successful in this class you need a class notebook, a class folder, and a pen or pencil. You will need to bring these materials to class every day. You will also have access to a copy of our textbook Komm Mit! that you will use in class when necessary.

What We Will Cover:

- A. Chapters 1 through 6 of the Komm Mit! text book
- B. A supplementary chapter that I will create

How You Will Be Graded:

Quarter Grade: Grades will be based on a simple point system. Each assignment will be worth a certain number of points. At the end of the quarter the points earned will be averaged against the total number of points possible for a grade. Assignments that will be graded are projects, tests, quizzes, homework and classwork.

Final Exam: The final exam will count as 20% of your final grade. Be sure to keep your notes and continue to study vocabulary, even after you've had the chapter test!

Final Grade: The final grade will be calculated by averaging the four quarterly grades and the final exam, each counting as 20% of the final grade.

Translators and Advanced Help:

You are here to learn the basic skills of German. These skills are taught in a sequential and predetermined order based on professional experience and the textbook. Each written assignment will be evaluated on the specific vocabulary and structure that has been presented in class. **ANY** work turned in that is beyond this skill level due to help from an advanced student, native speaker or Internet site will earn a **ZERO**. **No translator sites or online dictionaries may be used for any written assignment.**

Extra Credit:

Extra Credit will **NOT** be given at the end of the quarter. The following are the two extra credit opportunities for this class:

- A. At times, a couple points of extra credit may be offered on various assignments. The extra credit questions may cover any topic from the school year and are not guaranteed at any time.
- B. If you bring in a piece of news, information or realia from a German speaking country you may receive extra credit in the form of a coupon. When you attach the coupon to an assignment that is worth more than 10 points you will receive 1 point of extra credit on that assignment. You can not earn more than **10 coupons per quarter**. It is your responsibility to hold on to and redeem the coupons at the right time. The coupons must be given up in order to be redeemed. New coupons will not be issued to replace lost ones.

