

As a class of website creators and bloggers, it is critical that we agree on some general guidelines for our blogging. Please read each of the guidelines below. By creating a website and maintaining your blog, you are agreeing to follow each of the rules:

- **All of the Internet usage rules of OFMS apply to the website you create in the Gifted Resource Room. Misconduct will have consequences regardless of if the infraction happens during school hours or after school hours.**
- You will keep your personal details private
 - No personal information should be included anywhere in the blog.
 - As you post, please use your first name followed by your last initial as a username (e.g. Bobby S).
- Conduct
 - All users should remain respectful.
 - You may not post anything that is rude.
- Content
 - Stay on topic of the discussion and keep your comments school appropriate. This educational blog is not a place to socialize.
 - All users should be careful and conscious about what they write because blogs are a public place. This means that all writing should be respectful as well as grammatically correct. (Because this is a school related blog, please refrain from using text lingo.)
 - No plagiarism! Please be sure to give credit where credit is due.
- Monitoring
 - Blog editors have the right to delete any comments posted that are inappropriate or off task. Anyone finding something questionable on the website, please notify the blog editors immediately.

To use the blog, you must agree to the following statements.

- I will not use any curse words or inappropriate language.
- I will not use fighting words or provoke anyone.
- I will avoid the use of chat language.
- I will try to spell everything correctly.
- I will only give constructive criticism.
- I will not use my full name, or the name of my classmates.
- I will not plagiarize.
- I will stay on topic, recognizing this is not social media or to discuss personal matter.

I recognize that breaking any of these rules could lead to any of the following consequences depending on severity and repetition:

- warning/loss of Ticket(s)
- detention
- deletion of some or all of the post
- temporary loss of blogging/website privileges
- permanent loss of blogging/website privileges
- referral to the school administration

All of these will include a email/phone call home.

Please note that all posts and comments are moderated for content before posting to the class blog.

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____