**Hove’s Classroom – The “Gist”**

1. I will **ALWAYS** post your “start up” expectations on the Smartboard…my expectation is that if you’re in the room, you’re in your seat and you will be following the directions on the board (classes are so short, people, we have to use every minute we can get)!
2. Most of the time part of your “start up” will include Words of the Week. This year in English, Words of the Week will be selected by individual teachers/rooms (hurray!). I expect that you keep a Word of the Week portion of your English notebook…start at the back of your English Notebook and work forward, please. (Added incentive…on occasion, I will give Word of the Week quizzes – you can use your English notebook on the quiz!)
3. **RESPECT POWER** **TRUST** **FAIRNESS :** These are our first words of the week because these are the four words around which I focus everything I do…both in and out of the classroom. It’s how I raise my own children and it’s what I’m all about, so we’re going to spend quite a bit of time today working with these words.
4. **Cell Phones** - while I’m not the best student of technology, I love it (I’m a bit addicted to the Twitter feed on my cell phone). We ***will*** use our cell phones in class ***at times***. I’m stealing Mr. Feest’s cell phone policy and we’re going to use it in my room. If you have a phone, I expect it to be turned off and on your desk. And here’s why…it goes back to ***RESPECT***, right? I LOVE teaching; I put my heart and soul into what we do in class. It’s disrespectful for you to waste class time texting, tweeting, snapchatting, or facebooking during class. ***I promise I will never waste your class time texting my friends; I expect the same courtesy****.*  To be clear, should you abuse your cell phone privileges during class, your cell phone will no longer accompany you to class.
5. **Bell Schedule** – it’s new...we work up to the bell. Be in your seats until the bell rings, please (it’s a respect thing, again).
6. **Netbooks** *-*  we have netbooks we can use every day in class…how cool is that! Please treat the netbooks with respect. On the back table, there is a sign out sheet for netbooks for each of my classes…you will use the same netbook every day in class. By the end of the hour, all netbooks must be plugged back into it’s assigned spot.