

September 4, 2007

To: LS 568 Students

From: Dr. Berry

Re: Class

This letter is to notify you that you have been registered for the class, LS568, which entails working with the Twenty-Fifth Annual SHSU Children's Book Festival/Twenty-first Annual Young Adult Conference to be held on November 3, 2007. First, I am enclosing a syllabus for the course. You will find several pieces of important information in this document. Please read it over carefully. Some of the tasks and assignments are also enclosed.

I will be contacting you several times between now and November. I appreciate your cooperation and participation. This year's festival will run smoothly because of you.

[If you received this and are not registered for the Book Festival, let me know so I can take you off the list]

Course Assignments:

1. Read and annotate each of the (20) new books on the 2008-2009 Texas Bluebonnet List. [This list is enclosed]. On the last page of your annotations give me your prediction for the 2008 winner.
2. Read and annotate two books by (authors!!!!). Read and annotate one book by (I will give you these names since all workshop presenters have not been finalized yet. These are workshop presenters who have also written books. (You may have trouble finding some of these, so let me know and I will try to pass around copies I have.)
3. Register for the Book Festival by October. 1, 2008 (Fee is \$100.00.) Mark LS 568 at the top of the registration form. Postcards will be mailed out the first part of September. You will receive one.
4. Hostess a workshop session or assist with other duties as assigned. (I will assign these to you when we meet on Friday, Oct. 31) This will be a WORKING MEETING. Dress appropriately. If you have physical restrictions, please contact me immediately.
5. Perform other specific tasks as directed.
6. Write a one-page summary for two of the main authors and one workshop. Include in this summary a commentary upon its usefulness and application to your position.
7. During the day of the conference, informally 'interview' participants and request their evaluation of the mechanics and content of the Festival. Summarize these 'interviews' in 1-2 pages.
8. Include a page of suggestions for improving next year's Festival. You may suggest speakers, books, procedures, etc.
9. Put all this together and submit by December 5, 2008.

***** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** *****

You will be expected to meet with me on Friday, Oct. 31 at 12:00 noon. (We will provide pizza for lunch) and then be here from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd.

As information is needed, I will continue to correspond with you. I hope everything is clear so far. If you have any questions please call me at the above number, or call Rebecca, the secretary, at 936-294-1151, or call the student we have who is assigned to help with tasks relating to the festival. Her name is Cali and that phone number is 936-294-3494. Hopefully with all these avenues, you can get an answer to your questions.

http://txla.org/groups/tba/masters/masterlists07_08.html

This should go directly to the Texas Bluebonnet master list, but if you have trouble email me and I will send you the list.