

READING CENTER

February 13, 2009

English 109 tutors please be aware that on Friday, February 20th, the English 109 students will be taking their midterm exams in class at 9:00-10:00. If they are scheduled for a tutoring session at that time, they will not be at the session.

We sent an evaluation to our students at the end of last semester. Here are some of their comments:

“the staff in the RC is awesome and I always feel welcome.”

“I feel like I have learned a lot.”

“I would like to thank my tutors. They are amazing.”

Here is our favorite: “I would like a key to the library and a cot, so that I could live in the RC.”

Here is one that we should all think about: “Sometimes I feel like a smart person. I feel like they treat me like I can’t read, which I can and I read fine. But sometimes I have a hard time studying. Sometimes I am not familiar with and don’t always have the greatest study habits. I just wanted tips-- not a whole session each week.”

1) We don’t want the RC to be like the old “special ed” room. Really watch your tone and approach. We are just giving “tips” to students who are capable and who applied for and were accepted into college. **We are their equals.** Try to adjust your thinking. You aren’t really tutoring, you are a peer instructor.

2) Always, always, do what the students wants to work on. Don’t try to teach something he/she isn’t interested in learning.

3) Frequently check with your student and ask if you are doing what he/she wants

Thanks

If any of your students want to have a book scanned for the Kurzweil, we have a method for this now.

A FORM must be filled out (on the front desk), and then the book must be placed in the yellow drop box.

A big thanks to Lex and Robert for all their awesome work with the Kurzweil!!

