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8th Grade English Language Arts

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MEET After school on Wednesdays

HI
THERE!

Welcome to 8th grade ELA - I look forward to spending this year with you! My goal over the next 180 days is to help you master all of the skills necessary to leave 8th grade feeling confident in your reading, writing, and speaking. We will work together to have fun and make sure you feel prepared for high school!!

TEXT ALERTS

Text your class code below to 81010 to receive periodic messages about class.

ELA 2nd period @ab9a2a
ELA 3rd period @6hf98h
ELA 6th period @6hhdh2
ELA 7th period @6k36fk
Enrichment @hef4cf7

MATERIALS



Assigned
Reading



Writing
Utensils



Laptop



Homework
Folder

GRADES

40	Tests/Essays
20	Quizzes
15	Classwork
15	Homework
10	Participation (per quarter)

YEAR AT A GLANCE

AUG

UNIT 1A *Community & Relationships I*

SEPT

Reflect how the 3 major communities in our lives, Local, School, and Home shape us as people. What stake do we have as participants in these communities?

OCT

UNIT 1B *Where Does Our Food Come From?*

NOV

Analyzing and defending 4 major food systems in America. Practicing the writing process through planning, revision, and publication.

DEC

UNIT 2 *Poetry*

JAN

Gain exposure to poetry and how one constructs a poem for a certain purpose. Construct poems based on Independent Novel.

FEB

UNIT 3 *Civil Rights*

MAR

Examine catalysts and propellers of the Civil Rights Movement in "A Mighty Long Way"

MAR

UNIT 4 *Community & Relationships II*

APR

Examine the difficulties of being a teenager, focusing on mental health, social skills, and coping.

MAY

UNIT 5 *Finding Home*

JUN

Examining why and how refugees flee to new homes in "Inside Out & Back Again"

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and participation are required. It is your responsibility to find out what work you have missed if absent. You have one day for each day missed to submit the work. After that, late work has to be made up after school.

LATE WORK

Late work will be accepted for 100% credit for up to one week after it is due and has to be made up after school. If the work is still not submitted after one week, the assignment will receive a zero.

GRADING

Grades will be entered into PowerSchool. It is your responsibility to check that your grades match what is entered electronically. Late work will be entered at my earliest convenience. Please check online before asking what your grade is.

HONESTY

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. Any assignment that is proven to be the work of anyone other than the student will be given a zero.

TECHNOLOGY

Students are permitted to use school-issued laptops only in class. No smartphones or other devices are allowed. Students who abuse these privileges will have them revoked.

PREPARATION

Students are expected to be prepared for class each day. That means:

- *Your laptop is charged*
- *You have writing utensils including pens, pencils, and highlighters*
- *You completed the assigned homework and reading*
- *You start working on the activator assignment when the bell rings*

I NEED HELP! NOW WHAT?

- 1 Download the REMIND app to receive class text messages and message me when needed.
- 2 Come in after school on Thursdays to get small-group or one-on-one instruction.
- 3 Talk to Ms. Jones about changing your schedule to get an intervention class.

BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

1. Verbal warning
2. Student conference
3. Parent contact (phone call, email, letter)
4. Detention
5. Parent conference
6. Discipline referral to principal



Your PowerSchool account is your access point for checking on your progress in class. Be sure to check your grades weekly to ensure you are keeping up with assignments. There is also an app you can download to your phone.