

Language Arts Class Syllabus

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns at any time. Email is the quickest way to reach me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Check for HW and test dates on the 8th grade class web page @

<http://www.mv.org/webpages/8thgradeteam/homework.cfm>

Required Materials

Pencils/Pens

Notebook

Binder with paper

Independent reading book (SSR)

Agenda (recommended-not required)

Late Work

All work and assignments are to be turned in by the due date. The highest grade a student may earn on late work is 70%. Late work will only be accepted one week past the due date.

Need to know

Welcome! This year will be fun and challenging. I look forward to working with all of you.

Course Description:

This course emphasizes learning critical aspects of the English language. This will be achieved through weekly vocabulary, various literary selections, Study Island assignments, class discussion, writing compositions, and various projects.

Absences

1. You are responsible for collecting any work missed.
2. Check the absent folder and ask a reliable classmate to explain what was missed. If you need more clarification, ask the teacher.
3. You have an equal number of absent days to turn in work for full credit (i.e. two days absent means two extra days upon your return to turn in the assignment for full credit.)

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. - W. B. Yeats

Classroom Expectations

Be Responsible:

- Be prepared — come to class on time & ready to work
- Be productive — complete & turn in all work
- Be respectful of others & classroom materials
- Make good choices



Technology:

We use technology for various reasons.

Studyisland.com, Kahoot.com, Quizlet.com, and Edmodo.com are a few sites we visit frequently in class.

- Studyisland.com is where we will practice and prepare for the PSSAs
- Kahoot.it & Quizlet live provide a fun way for the whole class to review for upcoming tests.
- Edmodo.com to submit work electronically rather than needing to print papers.

Get to know Mrs. Giblin

- This is my 11th year teaching.
- I also teach ELD (English Language Development) to middle and high schoolers.
- I'm a proud mom of a toddler boy. In my free time, I'm chasing a toddler, playing with toy cars and reading books and lesson planning.

Consequences

1. Verbal reminder
2. Name written on board
3. Check marks next to name = detention after school
4. Write up/contact parent

Grades

Grades will be calculated by points. Grades will consist of homework assignments, classwork, tests/quizzes, projects and class participation.

Extra credit assignments may be given as an option for the whole class but will not be given only to individual students that want to improve their grade.

- A 90 to 100%
- B 80 to 89%
- C 70 to 79%
- D 60 to 69%
- F 0 to 59%

