

WELCOME!
8th Grade Regular Language Arts Syllabus
2011-2012
Ms. Malecki

MY EXPECTATIONS

Welcome to 8th grade Language Arts. I expect that each student in my classroom will give his or her best effort. As long as I see that you are applying yourself and showing responsibility for your class assignments, I will do my very best to work with you so that you are successful in this class. I will expect that you complete your assignments and that you communicate with me if you need assistance. I am here to help you in any way I can; HOWEVER, if I see that you are not putting effort into this class, there will be consequences.

The textbooks that we will use include the following:

_ *HOLT: Elements of Literature (Second Course)*- OUR TEXTBOOK IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: <http://my.hrw.com/>, USERNAME: wholeclass5, PASSWORD: gotigers

_ *Writing and Grammar, Communication in Action, Silver Edition*

Novels will also be part of the curriculum and may include but are not limited to: *Seedfolks, Animal Farm, To Kill a Mockingbird, Night, Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, etc.*

Short stories and vocabulary units will also be included in the curriculum when relevant.

This list is provided for your information and in accordance with School Board policy 8.209 (16) (b). We will also be watching several movies that correspond with novels and short stories. This list may include but is not limited to: To Kill a Mockingbird, a Historical Background of to Kill a Mockingbird, Life is Beautiful, Animal Farm, Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, One Survivor Remembers, Anne Frank Remembered, etc. Some supplemental material may contain mature themes or language. If you have any questions or concerns about any material, please feel free to contact Mrs. Gannon.

Please keep in mind that every classroom has novels available for children to read and check out. If those books are lost or misplaced, it drastically reduces the number of relevant, readable literature for every student. If a classroom novel is not returned within a timely period, the minimum cost of replacement is \$7; however, if the actual price is available the student's families are responsible for the full cost of the misplaced class novel. Please keep in mind that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to approve what the student checks out of the classroom libraries as well. Periodically throughout the 2011-2012 school year, your child will be reading novels, watching films, and using equipment here at SSA+S. Some novels and films may have mature content with themes relevant for our students. We provide you with a copy of the novels and please feel free to pre-view the films.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Treat each other with respect, and respect others' property & space.
2. **No** food, gum, or drinks allowed in class.
3. Remain in your assigned seat.
4. Come to class on time, ready to work, with the necessary supplies.
5. There will only be one speaker at a time in this class. Please raise your hand.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1. Enter class and begin bell work immediately. (Listed on the board every day)
2. Copy homework in agenda book. (on homework board)
3. Complete bell work assignment. (Listed on the board every day)
4. Sit quietly and wait for further instruction.
5. Always obey the "Give Me Five" signal - [1) Eyes on Speaker, 2) Quiet, 3) Be Still, 4) Hands Free, 5) Listen in class] when given by the teacher.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Please complete your assignments on time. Late assignments will result in a grade reduction. If you are absent, you will have the number of days missed to make up your assignment, unless special circumstances apply.

DISMISSAL

Please remember that the teacher, not the bell, will dismiss students from class. The bell is not an indication that you may leave.

SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

- _ One three-subject divided spiral notebook
- _ Pens (blue or black ink only)
- _ Pencils/Pencil sharpener (please bring your OWN!) - Thank you. :)
- _ Colored pencils or markers
- _ Loose-leaf paper
- _ Highlighters

GRADING

_ TESTS/BOOK REPORTS 35%

All tests & major projects/book reports will be announced approximately one month in advance. If a student will be absent on the due date, you should plan to hand in early, if possible. If a test is missed due to absenteeism, it will be made up the day the student returns to class. Major tests & quizzes that receive a failing grade will require parent/guardian signatures.

_ QUIZZES 30%

If a student is absent and misses a quiz, he or she will also be expected to make up the day he or she returns, unless special circumstances apply.

_ HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK 15%

All homework MUST be neat and on loose-leaf paper. NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOK EDGES PLEASE!! All homework assignments must be completed in blue or black pen, unless otherwise specified. Late homework will be accepted within a reasonable time frame, subject to a grade reduction.

_ BELLWORK 5%

You will complete bell work EVERY DAY when you enter this class. Bell work will be graded and part of your overall grade.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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*PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE LAST PAGE ONLY AND KEEP THIS SYLLABUS FOR YOUR RECORDS.

AFTER READING THIS SYLLABUS COMPLETELY, PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY. KEEP THE FIRST PAGE IN YOUR YELLOW LANGUAGE ARTS FOLDER.

Student Name _____

Student Signature

Class Period

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I give my permission for my student

_____ to watch the above-mentioned films and read the above listed novels. I understand that the teachers will monitor the content of the movies and censor any inappropriate sections. I also understand that this list may be expanded at teacher discretion, with appropriate notification within a fitting time frame. I know that if my student misuses any technological equipment, class novels, texts or any other item of SSA+S property, in any way, I/my family will be financially liable to replace such equipment, as required by school officials.

Signature

Date