

8th Grade Language Arts

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Overview:

8th Grade Language Arts consists of historical fiction, realistic fiction, science fiction, informational texts, and newspapers articles. In addition, this course will focus on grammar, spelling, reading, and writing abilities.

Power Standards:

- **I WILL IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE A VARIETY OF GENRES.**
- **I WILL READ, VIEW, AND LISTEN TO GRADE-LEVEL LITERATIVE TO COMPREHEND, INTERPRET, IDENTIFY, OR ANALYZE.**
- **I WILL ACCURATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY READ GRADE-LEVEL TEXT.**
- **I WILL BE ABLE TO DEFINE AND USE WORDS IN CONTEXT AT GRADE LEVEL.**
- **I WILL WRITE A NARRATIVE IN THE CORRECT FORMAT.**
- **I WILL WRITE A NARRATIVE WITH DETAILED CHARACTERS AND SETTINGS.**
- **I WILL WRITE A NARRATIVE THAT EXHIBITS PERSONAL STYLE AND VOICE.**
- **I WILL WRITE A COHERENT ESSAY IN THE CORRECT ORDER AND FORMAT.**
- **I WILL WRITE AN ESSAY THAT IS SUPPORTED WITH FACTS.**
- **I WILL WRITE AN ESSAY THAT EXHIBITS PERSONAL STYLE AND VOICE.**
- **I WILL CLEARLY ARTICULATE MY THOUGHTS AND IDEAS THROUGH THE USE OF PROPER GRAMMATICAL AND STYLISTIC CONVENTIONS.**
- **I WILL PROPERLY USE CITED RESEARCH TO SUPPORT MY POINTS.**
- **I WILL SPEAK EFFECTIVELY DURING FORMAL AND INFORMAL SITUATIONS.**

Employability Skills:

As in every class that you attend at the middle school this year you will be rated on employability scale. This performance will be documented on your report card graded in each of these areas as a 1,2,3 or 4. *Behaviors are separated into special learning categories for clarity. They are based upon quality assessment information*

1. I complete all of my work
2. I am prepared to learn
3. I participate in learning
4. I follow classroom/school expectations.

Materials Requested:

1. Reading Book—Students will be reading on a regular basis.
2. Pencils
3. iPad –Make sure that it is charged
4. 2 Folders—Provided by the school. Students are welcome to bring their own.
5. Spiral Notebook—Provided by the school. Students are welcome to bring their own.

Milestones:

1st Trimester:

Three Novels
Two Essays

2nd Trimester:

Three Novels
One Essay

3rd Trimester:

Two Novels
One Essay

Final Exam:

The evaluation will cover all of the power standards presented throughout the year.

Communications:

- Students should be writing in their agenda each day.
- Parents and Students can check grades via the Family Access site.
- Students will be tracking their progress on a tracking sheet.
- Parents may also e-mail or call teachers at any time they need to.