

WELCOME TO D211

Mrs. Smith's

8TH GRADE LS ELA CLASS,
LEHIGHTON MS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will target students' growth in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussion, reflection and viewing. Reading strategies, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary building will be the focus of the reading instruction. Through fiction, non-fiction, and poetry reading, students will practice reading strategies and comprehension skills. The focus of writing will be on informational, argumentative, and informational writing. The overall goal of the class is to increase literacy and writing ability of students.

TIME AVAILABLE FOR HELP

I am available to help students during WIN and after school until 2:45 P.M. most days. If you are not available during WIN, you can ask for a lunch pass.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

- Students will be able to read and comprehend works of literature.
- Students will be able to write one to five paragraph essays.
- Students will be able to use/find different grammatical structures within sentences.

GRADING AND HOMEWORK

Grades will be calculated as listed. Students can earn full credit on homework if it is completed on time or lose points daily as the homework is not turned in.

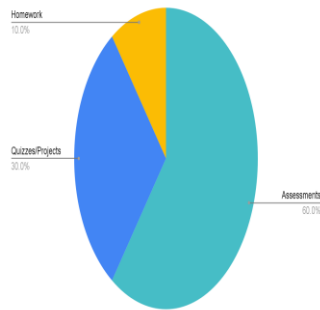
Tests- 60%

Quizzes/projects- 30%

Homework- 10%

What I expect from you:

- Be prepared for class. This includes being on time, having your book/pencil and being ready to learn.
- No one will stop me from teaching; no one will stop you from learning.
- Be responsible. Actions have consequences. Consequences may include but are not limited to loss of bonus points, verbal warnings, teacher detentions, phone calls home, team conferences, and referrals to administration.
- Be respectful!
- Do your homework. You are not given much homework, most is done in class, but you are given some...do it!



HW- 10%

Quizzes- 30%

Tests - 60%

COOPERATION POINTS

All students will be given a cooperation grade each marking period. They will earn a point each day for following the rules. They will lose their daily points if they perform unacceptable behavior. Some of these behaviors include:

- Not bringing their books/pencil
- Excessive talking
- Answering without being called on
- Disrupting class/late to class
- Sleeping
- Not working when given time to do so
- Packing up before the bell
- Vandalizing

What are we going to do?

- Writing
- Grammar
- Reading
 - Group/Class Readings
 - Silent Independent Reading
- First Chapter Fridays
- Progress Monitoring
- State Assessment Strategies

