

# LANGUAGE ARTS

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

-Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

## Class Rules

### 1. Be prompt!

- Be in seat and ready to work when bell rings.

### 2. Be prepared!

- Bring all supplies to class daily, including your Tier 1 Laptop. Laptop device should be fully charged daily! Also, it is imperative that you handle your device with care!

### 3. Be positive!

- Have a positive attitude and be kind to others.
- Be a positive contributor.

### 4. Be productive!

- Complete all your work and turn it in **on time**. There will be a ten-point deduction each day an assignment is late. The lowest grade will be a 40.

### 5. Be polite!

- Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
- Follow all Onslow County and Trexler Middle rules and policies within the classroom.

**Remember: Electronic devices are not allowed in class and should always be put away in a bag.**

## Course Description

Welcome to 8th Language Arts! Our focus this school year will be learning and developing our skills as critical thinkers, readers, writers, speakers, and listeners. The development and mastery of these important literary skills not only is important to achieving success in the Language Arts classroom, but it is also a critical component of achieving success in other school subjects, building strong relationships with others, and attaining a flourishing career as an adult. Basically, the quality of life you experience now through adulthood will depend a lot on how well you read, write, and communicate with others.

## Where do I go to find agendas and assignments?

**\*The agenda and homework will be posted on the white board daily in class, in the Week at a Glance Document posted weekly in Teams, and on my teacher website under Week at a Glance!**

This year we will use Office 365 as our main means of electronic, online instruction. Digital assignments will be posted under assignments in Teams as weekly Modules. All work posted is expected to be completed on time and will count as part of the grade.

## What happens if I turn in an assignment late?

Work is expected to be turned in on time! If you turn in an assignment late, there will be a ten-point deduction each day. The lowest grade that will be recorded is a 40. It is the responsibility of the student to notify me of any issues or inability to complete an assignment.

## Grade Scale

### 10-point scale

**A = 90-100**

**B = 80-90**

**C = 70-80**

**D = 60-70**

## Grade Breakdown

Assessments = 50%

Classwork/Homework = 50%

## Student Supplies

### for ELA class

- 2" 3-ring binder (to use for all classes)
- 1 subject spiral notebook
- Loose leaf paper
- 5 sheet protectors
- Tab Dividers (2 total)
- Pens (black/blue)
- Pencils
- highlighters
- colored pencils/markers/crayons (your choice)
- Expo Markers
- Pencil pouch
- 2 pack Glue Sticks
- Ruler
- small school scissors
- Bookbag (laptop area/pouch recommended)
- Basic Earbuds (in-ear headphones with audio jack)

### Other suggested items:

- Individual packs of Kleenex or box for classroom

## How will I check my grade in class?

Parents and students are also strongly encouraged to check **PowerSchool** on a **weekly basis** to view the most current grades for EVERY class. Report Cards should be returned signed.

## What do I do if I am absent?

Students should know what work is to be done based on the Week at a Glance. All digital assignments will be posted in Teams. When absent, a student can check Teams to determine what was missed, using the Week at a Glance. Students are responsible for seeing the teacher if a question arises or if they need help in determining what needs to be completed as a result of an absence. It is imperative that students do not get too far behind. If you know of a prolonged absence, please notify all teachers.

## Do I have to read outside of class?

All students should read independently daily. Students must bring a book to school, so they are prepared for independent reading in Language Arts. Reading is also an excellent activity if you complete an assignment early.

## What types of writing will I do this year?

Students will be completing a variety of activities which will require writing.

- No text language should be utilized in any form when writing in class, and all assignments should be edited appropriately before submitting.
- All paragraph responses should be indented, and sentences should always begin with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark!

Remember, in order to be a successful writer, you need to be able to effectively proofread and edit your own work!