

8th Grade English/Language Arts

Teacher: Mrs. Melissa Daniels

About The Teacher: Hello! My name is Melissa Daniels, and this is my 25th year as a teacher, 12 of which have been spent at Springdale as a grades sixth-eighth ELA teacher. I am looking forward to teaching your student this year. I welcome your cooperation in your child's education. I am available via email and the Remind app for any questions or concerns you may have or by phone during my daily planning time.

Class Materials:For ELA class, students will need the following materials:

- 2-3" binder with 7 tab dividers and notebook paper
- 2-pocket folder
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Sticky notes
- Novels and Reading workbooks (provided for the students)

Classroom Rules:

- Students should come to class prepared to learn with the materials required.
- Students should be respectful of their classmates and teacher.
- Students should display a positive attitude toward learning.
- Students should participate actively in class, which includes discussions and learning activities.
- Students should follow all school rules and classroom procedures.

Classroom Procedures: Students will enter the classroom with materials needed and ready to learn. Students will complete a daily warm-up and all English/Language Arts activities for the day. Students will use Language binders to keep daily warm-ups, vocabulary, notes, handouts, classwork, etc. in. Students will receive one progress report halfway through the nine-weeks grading period and one report card per nine-weeks. Parents may check Aspen to see student grades throughout the nine-weeks grading period.

Food:Per school rules, students may only have water in the classroom. No other food or drinks are allowed.

Cheating/Plagiarism: Neither cheating nor plagiarism is tolerated in my classroom. Students caught cheating or plagiarising work are subject to a grade of zero on that assignment.

Absence: Should a student miss a day of school, he or she is responsible for asking me for missed assignments. Students are given one day per day of absence to turn in work missed. Should a student miss a test or quiz, he/she should make that up in a timely manner upon return.

Grading: Students are graded on novel assessments, quizzes, daily work assignments, binder checks, and projects in ELA class. Grades are not weighted.

Claiborne County Schools grading scale is as follows:

93-100 A

85-92 B

84-75 C

74-70 D

69 and below F

Extra Credit: I give extra-credit opportunities once during a nine-week grading period. I typically pass extra credit opportunities out the week after progress reports go out. Students typically have two-three weeks to complete and turn in extra credit opportunities should he/she choose to do so. Students may choose up to three extra credit opportunities from the list I give.

Homework: I do not give homework routinely. Students may have homework if they do not complete an assignment during class time. Every other Friday, students will have a Vocabulary Word Bag quiz for which they should study at home.

Curriculum: 8th grade Wit and Wisdom ELA curriculum is used in my classroom. All reading, writing, and English standards are taught through this curriculum.

***All standards taught can be found at**

<https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/academic-standards/english-language-arts-standards.html>

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Thank you so much for your assistance and cooperation during your child's educational journey. Please review this syllabus with your child and sign below. Feel free to contact me if you have questions. Please sign and return this portion. Thank you.

"I have reviewed this syllabus with my child and understand the requirements of the course."

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____