



Mrs. Worsley 8th Grade English Language Arts 2018-19

Welcome to 8th Grade English Language Arts! I am looking forward to a wonderful year together. You must know that I absolutely love reading, writing, vocabulary, and even grammar! Language is so powerful. The better our language skills, the more successful we will be in school, work, and even our personal lives! I promise to do my best teaching you; and hopefully, we may even have a little fun!

Class Expectations

Our classroom will be a place of learning, honesty, trust, support, and encouragement. In addition, the following procedures will be followed:

- Be ready to learn something new everyday.
- **RESPECT** yourself, others and your teacher.
- Maintain a clean and orderly work area.
- Bring **ALL** of your necessary materials to class **EVERYDAY.**
- Complete all of your work and turn it in **ON TIME.**
- Put your best effort into **everything.**

Class Routine

- Enter the room quietly and sit in your assigned seat.
- Work on the Bell Ringer.
- Copy homework assignment onto your agenda.

Class Materials

To be successful in ELA class you will need to bring the following items to class **EVERYDAY:**

- Binder with paper
- Writing utensil
- Textbook (when required)
- Personal reading book - Reading books grows your brain(**it's true!**); plus, reading is fun - I promise!

Rules

- Follow directions (**QUICKLY** and the first time would be **OUTSTANDING**).
- Raise your hand for permission to speak (no blurting out).
- Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.
- Make wise choices.

Grading Policy

My expectation is that **ALL** assignments be completed and turned in **ON TIME.** Assignments are only considered “make-up work” if the student is absent. Failure to complete an assignment will be recorded as a zero in the grade book. I do not provide

extra credit assignments. In addition, printer issues are not an excuse for late work as assignments can be turned in through google classroom.

Grading Scale

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 75-84

D = 74-70

F = Below 70

How Grades are Weighted

Tests 40%

Quizzes 25%

Classwork 20%

Homework 15%

If you ever think you need extra help, I will be happy to arrange a time before or after school to help you. Please alert me if you think you need extra help.

What if I am absent?

There is a file where you can pick up what was missed while you were out. It is YOUR responsibility to get the assignment. All make up work must be made up within three school days after the return to school.

Technology

Students are expected to abide by all school and district digital and safety guidelines. Failure to do so will result in said student being banned from technology. Students are prohibited from using and/or having cell phones on their person during the school day. Any student caught with a phone without permission will have the phone confiscated and a detention will be assigned. Confiscated phones may be picked up ONLY by the parent or guardian at the end of the school day in the main office.

Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism and cheating is the taking of ideas and writings of another and passing them off as one's own. Lessons on plagiarism will be taught during the course of this class. Students caught cheating will be referred to administration, parents/guardians will be contacted and the student will be given a detention. In addition, the student will be an alternate assignment based on the standard that was taught for that particular assignment.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom will be utilized a lot during the course of the year. Make sure you join our class.

My class code is _____

Contact Mrs. Worsley

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I have read and understand this course syllabus. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to contact the teacher if I have any questions or concerns.

Student _____

Parent _____