

# ENRICHED LANGUAGE ARTS

1. "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view ... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." - Atticus Finch, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

## Class Rules

1. Follow directions quickly.
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.
3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.
4. Make smart choices.
5. Keep your teacher HAPPY.



## Class Expectations

1. Be in seat when bell rings.
2. Put proper heading on all papers.
3. Do not use registered tablets in class without teacher permission.
4. Use restroom during passing breaks or use a pass during class.
5. Maintain a clean and orderly work area. Pick up your trash!
6. Bring all of your supplies to class daily...pen/pencil, paper, book, etc.
7. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.

## Course Description

Welcome to 8th grade Enriched 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 Enriched Language Arts classroom, it is 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.

### What do I get if I follow class rules?

Your appropriate behavior in class assures everyone of an environment conducive to learning. Some possible rewards for continuous appropriate behavior are: intrinsic value (satisfaction of learning), improved skills, verbal praise, edible options, and special class activities / privileges.

### What are the consequences if I don't follow rules?

1. Warning: the teacher provides a verbal reprimand/reminder to student.
2. DSR: short time spent during lunch to contemplate conduct.
3. ISS: In School Suspension. Parent will be contacted.
4. Referral to Administration: a student will be immediately referred to administration for severe behavior problems.

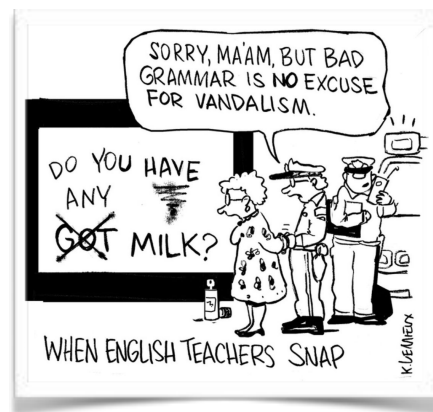
### Where do I go to find team info and assignments?

**8Red Weebly Website** – is our team's website. This site will house the weekly assignments and due dates, PDF copies of class handouts, important announcements, and more.

Please bookmark the following site and check it daily:

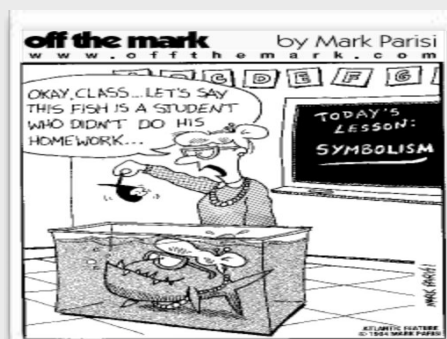
Website: [hms8red.weebly.com](https://hms8red.weebly.com)

**Google Classroom** is where most class assignments, discussions, and projects will be posted and turned in.



## Grade Scale

A+	= 100%	A	= 92% - 99%
A-	= 90% - 91%	B+	= 88% - 89%
B	= 82% - 87%	B-	= 80% - 81%
C+	= 78% - 79%	C	= 72% - 77%
C-	= 70% - 71%	D	= 60% - 69%
F	= 0% - 59%		



## Grade Breakdown

Assessments/Quizzes/Tests/  
Papers/Projects/Homework/  
Participation = 90% AR = 10%  
(vocabulary, reading comprehension, grammar)



## Supplies

- Lined paper and folder
- Pens/pencils
- Highlighters
- silent reading book for AR
- Index Cards for public speaking

## How will I check my grade for Enr. Language Arts?

I can check my progress/grades by accessing PowerSchool from any electronic device, with permission, at school. Or, I can check my progress at my convenience via PowerSchool App or computer.

## What do I do if I am absent?

Always check the 8Red Weebly website at [hms8red.weebly.com](http://hms8red.weebly.com) for homework, handouts, and assignment due dates. A student has one extra day to turn in any work **assigned** on a day a student was absent (excused). If a quiz was administered on a day a student was absent, the quiz must be made up on the **first** day the student returns. If previously assigned work was due on the day of the absence, the work is due on the **first** day the student returns otherwise it is considered late and will only receive 50%. If not received within a week, then a zero will be earned. Second semester there is NO LATE WORK accepted in ELA. NRI and AR - no late submissions accepted.

## Do I have to read outside class?

YES! Some outside reading will be assigned stories/novels/poems/plays we are reading as a class, however, most of your silent reading will be outside class. Library day will be every other Wednesday. All students will be expected to read independently on a daily basis. Students must bring a reading book to school so they are prepared for any independent reading during Enriched Language Arts and ELP. AR is 10% of your ELA grade. ELA students will also be required to read 3 Rebecca Caudill books.

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

**Formal Papers** refer to essays/papers that students will complete in their Google Classroom. Even though these papers will be worked on and stored in the student's Google Drive, the completed piece must be turned in to the teacher on the **DUE DATE** listed on Google Classroom.

## What are the required readings this year?

"Flowers for Algernon" / "The Dinner Party" / "Paul Revere's Ride" / "The Tell-Tale Heart" / "The Bet" / "Harriet Tubman" / "O Captain, My Captain" / "I Have a Dream" / "New Day's Lyric" / *The Diary of Anne Frank* / Assorted poems and stories not listed / *To Kill a Mockingbird* / podcasts, if time

**How is ELA different from LA?** Enrichment means this...the class may be at an accelerated pace, at a greater depth, and a wider range of topics. Unit topics will be similar to LA first semester (short stories, poetry, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and the Holocaust; however, homework, discussions, papers, projects, etc. may be different. There will be more independent work. There will be more discussion. The goal is to dig deeper and gain insight.

Fourth quarter we will read the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We will also be writing penpal letters to Mrs. Grigg's kindergarteners at Alhambra Primary throughout the year. More information to follow.

**PLEASE READ THE COURSE INFORMATION ABOVE and SHARE WITH PARENT(S).**

**Click [here](#) to sign electronically that you and your parent/guardian have read and understand the syllabus for Enriched Language Arts.**