

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.5

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Dear Parents:

Hello! I hope this school year will be a wonderful one for your students. This letter is an effort to give you a better understanding of the goals and content of the eighth-grade Enriched Language Arts class. Our curriculum is fully aligned with the English Language Arts Common Core Standards and includes reading, writing, spelling, speaking, and listening. Part of being in ELA also means more independent work.

Specific writing projects will include narrative, argument writing, small research, and creative writing. An argument speech will be given in conjunction with a paper. Longer writing samples will be submitted using Google Classroom. A complete review of all eight parts of speech will also be covered. Literature units include short stories, poetry, drama, and novels. Our unit title categories are Freedom, the Holocaust, and America's Beginning.

Every year we also have pen pals at Alhambra Primary and write letters throughout the year which culminates in a field day at Alhambra where penpals can meet their partners, engage in fun projects, and eat lunch together.

A grade of B- (80%) must be maintained. A grade of a C (70%-79%) will result in a quarter of probation. Two consecutive C's will result in removal from the program. A quarterly average of D (60%-69%) or F (59% and below) will result in immediate removal from the program with no period of probation. To keep you better informed of your child's progress, I will keep updated grades on PowerSchool.

If you have questions at any time, please call me at 651-8800 or email me at chyre@highlandcusd5.org.

Thank you for sharing your child with me...it is going to be a great year! ☺

Sincerely,

Chastity Hyre

Please click [here](#) to signify you and a parent have read and understand the above information.

