

LANGUAGE ARTS

"The final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."

- Anne Frank

Class Rules

1. Follow directions quickly.



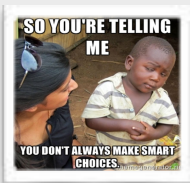
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.



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 your name on all papers.
3. Head up, please.
4. Use restroom during passing breaks (or use a pass occasionally during class).
5. Maintain a clean and orderly work area. Clean up your messes.
6. Bring all of your supplies to class daily...that includes a pen/pencil and paper.
7. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.

Course Description

Welcome to 8th grade 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, 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, some PDF copies of class handouts, important announcements, and more.

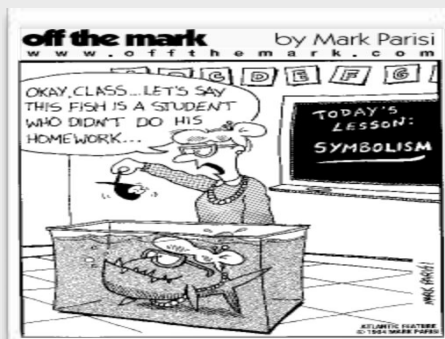
Please bookmark the following site and check it daily:

Website: 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
- Pencils/pens
- Highlighters
- silent reading book
- Index Cards for public speaking

How will I check my grade for 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 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% credit if turned in within a week, then a zero will be earned. NRI and AR - no late work accepted. Second semester there is NO LATE WORK accepted in LA.

Do I have to read outside class?

YES! Some outside reading will be assigned, such as short 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. Pace yourself. 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 Language Arts and/or ELP. AR is 10% of your LA grade..

What types of writing will I do this year?

Formal Papers refer to essays/papers that students will complete in 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" /
"Road Not Taken" / "The Tell-Tale Heart" / "The Bet" / "Harriet Tubman" / "O Captain, My Captain" / "I Have a Dream" / *Freedom Walkers* / *Diary of Anne Frank* / Assorted poems and stories as time allows/ *Limetown* podcast

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.