



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Course Outline

**Mrs. Jansky**

Grades for this course are based on accumulated points of compositions and other projects, quizzes, participation, and daily work. The percentages are as follows:

100	A+	89-87	B+	79-77	C+	69-67	D+	59	F
99-93	A	86-83	B	76-73	C	66-63	D		
92-90	A-	82-80	B-	72-70	C-	62-60	D-		

### **Supplies:**

- Binder (which will be shared with reading class)
- 3-Subject Notebook ( which will be shared with reading class)
- Folder to fit into binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Memory Stick

### **Student Expectations:**

- Arrive to class on time with all of your materials and fill out your assignment notebook as soon as you enter the room. Each day, your assignment will be on the side board. If you are not in your own seat when the bell rings, you will be marked tardy.
- Start your Raider Time as soon as you are finished filling out your assignment notebook. You should do this each day without being reminded. Raider Time will always be on the right-hand corner of the side board. You may be asked to pick up a hand-out up on your way in or look on Elmo for your directions for Raider Time. When you are finished with Raider Time, please read from your free reading book until we are ready to begin. Please stay quiet during this time.
- Participate in class and respect all members of the class.
- The bell does not dismiss you from class. Only the teacher dismisses you.

### **Basis for Grades:**

#### **1.) 50% Compositions or other Projects**

Compositions and projects will be kept in Writing Folders that will be provided by the teacher. This will include any prewriting, revised, and final copies. Final copies of compositions will be typed. When working with computers you are expected to follow the computer usage procedures when working in the lab.

#### **2.) 15% Quizzes**

Quizzes will be given throughout the year.

### 3.) 10% Participation

Participation includes being respectful to those around you, being involved in classroom activities, and keeping your notebook and binder organized.

### 4.) 15% Notebook Checks

Throughout the year, I will be checking notebooks to be sure entries are neat and completed.

### 5.) 10% Daily Work

- **Absentees:** When you miss for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what you have missed. You can find out what you have missed by checking out the assignment board. It will have the assignments for the week. I also keep a notebook in back of the room that includes what we do each day. All extra handouts will be kept in a basket in the back of the room next to the notebook.
- **Homework Policy:** Homework is due when it is due. When homework is assigned, you will be informed of its due date. Homework must be completed by the beginning of the assigned due date's class period in order to receive credit. If your homework is not completed by the date and time assigned, it will be marked as an F in the grade book and on Skyward-Family Access. Students will be assigned to after school resource until work is complete.
- **Other important information:** This year, in order for you to be eligible to pass on to Freshman English Class, there are three things that you **MUST** do. You need to pass 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Class, meet your "Expected Growth Goal" set forth by the Language MAPS exams we take throughout the year, and attain one passing On-Demand score of 3.5 (We take this test three times throughout the year). Failure to complete these requirements will result in some form of retention, such as attending Summer School or repeating 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts. Please note that this policy has been set forth by the Two Rivers Board of Education. More details will follow.

~Comments or questions for Mrs. Jansky:

~We have read and understood the above information:

Parent signature:

Student signature:

**~PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

