

Welcome to Ms. McKee's Language Arts class.

This is one of the most important classes that you will ever take. You sometimes ask, what does school have to do with real life? This class has to do with real life. Literacy, meaning reading and writing, is important for school, work, tests, and even notes to friends. You will learn and practice things in this class that you will use every day of your life.

**RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT AND EFFORT**-- The three rules of my class. In this class, you will be treated as a young adult, and expected to behave like one. This means you get freedom, but also responsibility. You will be responsible for completing all of your work, and getting it in on time.

For everyone to be successful, our actions need to be based on respect. You should be kind to and patient with your peers and teachers. You ~~should~~ should be respectful when others are speaking, and always use a respectful tone and language. You should respect the property of both the school and others. Finally, you should respect yourself by being true to what you know is right, and by working your hardest at all you do.

Every person has different strengths. For some of you, Language Arts class comes easily. For others, it is more difficult. I will be paying attention to whom is really trying, and whom is slacking. Everyone can improve their reading and writing skills, no matter how good they are. This even includes me, your teacher.

### **ORGANIZATION**

You are expected to be organized for this class. Each student needs to have the following:

- a three-ring binder;
- paper that goes in the binder;
- dividers for the binder; and
- pens and pencils.

You also need to bring your assignment book to every class.

You will be given a classroom portfolio. You will keep all of your completed assignments, projects and tests in this folder. This will allow you to see how you improve from September to June.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Through your assignments, you will learn strong literacy skills, as well as new ideas and facts. I encourage you to be creative and unique; find your own special voice in your writing.

Homework is very important. It reinforces what we do in class, and is practice in good discipline. Late homework will not be accepted. You will receive a zero on days you do not have your homework done. At the end of the quarter, each zero take a point from your final quarter grade.

Major projects and assignments that are late will have a serious reduction in grade.

### **ATTITUDE**

Think positive! Be optimistic about yourself, your peers and your teachers. If we all work hard, we will have a great year.

**BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!!!!**

Student

Michael Plasmeil

Parent

A. H. J.

The seventh grade Language Arts curriculum will focus on the development of reading, writing and speaking skills through a variety of activities and assignments, including the following:

- Journal Writing;
- Grammar Skills;
- Vocabulary and Spelling;
- Paperback Novels;
- Anthology Readings;
- Monthly Book Reports;
- Formal and Informal Compositions (ie. persuasive essays with supporting opinions);
- Poetry;
- Speeches; and
- Projects (ie. Mythology).

Art  
Oval  
writing

Persuasive writing

Goodness

Wade on the orient  
Tom Sawyer Express  
Having out  
Waiting for rain  
Charlotte Doyle

## Supplies for Ms. McKee's Language Arts Class

### REQUIRED:

- binder 1.5 in
  - 5 dividers for binder
  - pens and/or pencils
  - lots of loose leaf paper!
  - colored pencils OR markers OR crayons-- your choice
- Journal  
work In Progress  
Notes  
Daily Edits  
worksheets / Homework

### OPTIONAL:

- mini three hole puncher
- mini stapler
- colored editing pen

Students should have all of their supplies in school by Monday, September 8.