

8th Grade Language Arts



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How will this teacher treat me?

- I will follow the Golden Rule and treat you better than I wish to be treated: respectfully, kindly, fairly, and patiently.

“I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end.”

Abraham Lincoln



What will I be doing this year?

- **Reading novels, excerpts, and short stories.**
- **Writing**
- **Vocabulary**
- **Grammar**
- **Presentations**
- **Group work even if from afar 😊**

How will I be graded?



• **66%** Major (Tests)

• **34%** Minor (Daily)

• **Weekly quizzes will be counted as two daily grades.**

• **Grades will be updated weekly on the Active Parent.**



What are the rules in this class?

1. Be in your assigned seat when the bell **rings**.
2. Bring **all** books and materials to class. You must have your **OWN** supplies. **Please, please have colored pencils by Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**
3. **Stay** seated in your assigned seat unless given permission to get up and **ALWAYS WEAR YOUR MASK.**
4. Follow directions the **first** time they are given.
5. Raise your hand and **wait** for permission to speak...**UNLESS we are in a Socratic class discussion and then common conversational courtesies will apply.**



Follow the rules and ...

- Earn Jagmarks and other little thank you happies for superior work and behavior.
- Receive Emails and notes of praise to parents
- Create the future you will like to live



But, if you choose to break a rule...

- **First time** **Parent Notice I**
- **Second time** **Parent Notice II**
- **Third time** **Office Referral**
- **Severe Cause** **Instant Office Referral**



What supplies do I need?

- 1 1/2" 3-ring binder with 6 dividers or 6 pronged pocket folders and notebook paper
- Regular pencils AND your OWN set of colored pencils
- 3 Highlighters-yellow, green, & pink or orange
- Erasable pens(black ink only)
- Index Cards
- Box of tissues, a roll of paper towels(for cleaning your desk), hand sanitizer, and/or Clorox wipes...(of course, these are optional, but it would be very much appreciated)

Organizing Your Binder in Language Arts Classes

Use dividers to organize your binder in six sections:

1. Reading
2. Grammar
3. Writing
4. Jagmarks
5. Vocabulary
6. Miscellaneous

(example: Classroom Procedure Sheet)

(Occasionally, I will do a binder check, and you will receive a quiz grade...a will have a rubric for you. soon.)



What do I do before I come to class?

***Complete all homework.**

***Gather and bring ALL needed supplies.**

***Keep notebook and supplies neat & organized.**



How do I enter the classroom?

- Enter quietly.
- Place any homework in your block's drawer.
- Sharpen your pencil.
- Get your make-up if you were absent. Getting your make-up work is YOUR responsibility.
- Go to your seat immediately.



How do I begin class?

- * Be prepared to work everyday.
- * Have out all materials needed for the entire class period.
- * **Immediately** begin your daily Jagmark, journal, or quote analysis entry.



What is expected of me during class?

- Speak one at a time, raise your hand, and wait for permission to speak(unless it is a group discussion and then common sense rules apply).
- Do not interrupt the teacher to ask to leave the room. At this time, we have a scheduled restroom break during each block.
- Stay seated and on task at all times.
- Use appropriate heading for all assignments.



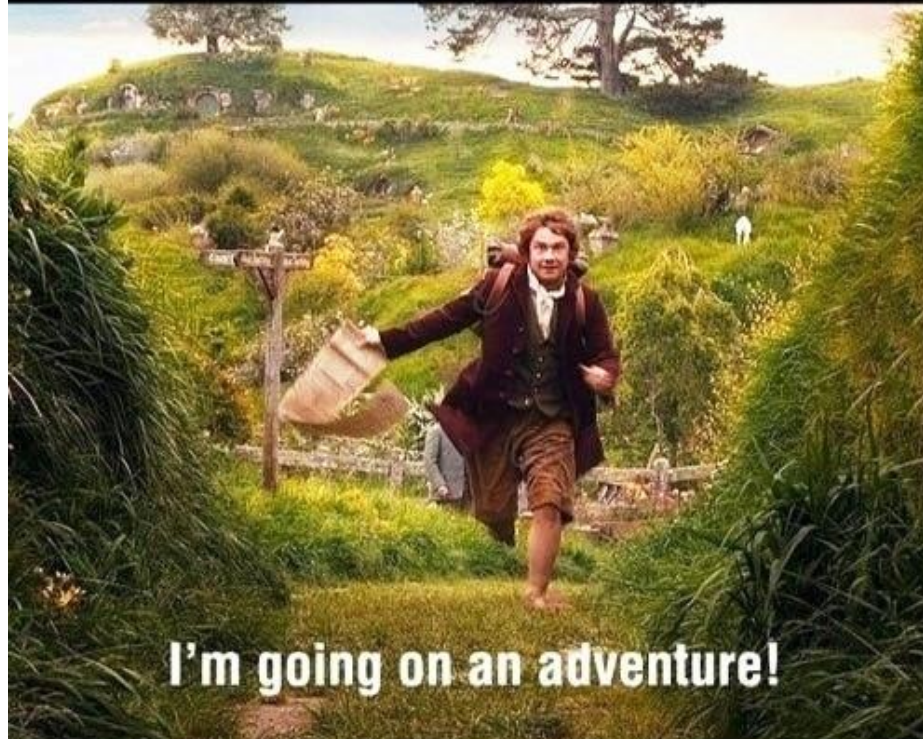
What is expected of me during class?

Continued...

- . Watch and respond to quickly to my request for your attention.**
- . Work diligently to accomplish each day's tasks.**
- . Work cooperatively in groups.**
- . Do not complain about assignments or activities.**
- . Have a book to read at all times.**



When the teacher sends you to take something to another room



I'm going on an adventure!



Who gets to help?

When errands are required, Mrs. McC will choose a student randomly. These students are the ones who are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

Can I leave the classroom?

Only in the case of an emergency.

NEVER ask to leave the classroom during instruction unless it is dire.

How do I leave the classroom at the end of the block?

- **Finish and turn in any assignment in your colored box.**
- **Write down all your assignments daily and gather your belongings.**
- **Sanitize your desk as directed.**
- **I will dismiss you by row or group when class is over. I will dismiss you, not the bell.**
- **Leave your desk area and my room neat.**
- **Leave quietly and respectfully not shoving, running, or pushing past others.**

Jagmarks

- **Daily Grammar Practice (DGP) will be completed as your Jagmark much of the time.**
- **These skills practice editing, proofreading, usage, sentence building, parts of speech, and other related skills of study.**
- **Jagmarks will be asked for randomly for a grade.**



Journal Entries



- Journal entries will be completed one or two days each week on average. These may be writing to a prompt or a quote analysis.
- Each journal entry will be written in first ten minutes of class.
- Each entry must be a minimum of half a page.
- Entries must be numbered, dated, and kept in the Jagmarks tab in your binder.
- One will likely be counted as a major test grade each nine weeks period. You will choose the writing you want me to assess. You will choose your best.



Where do I find my homework assignments?

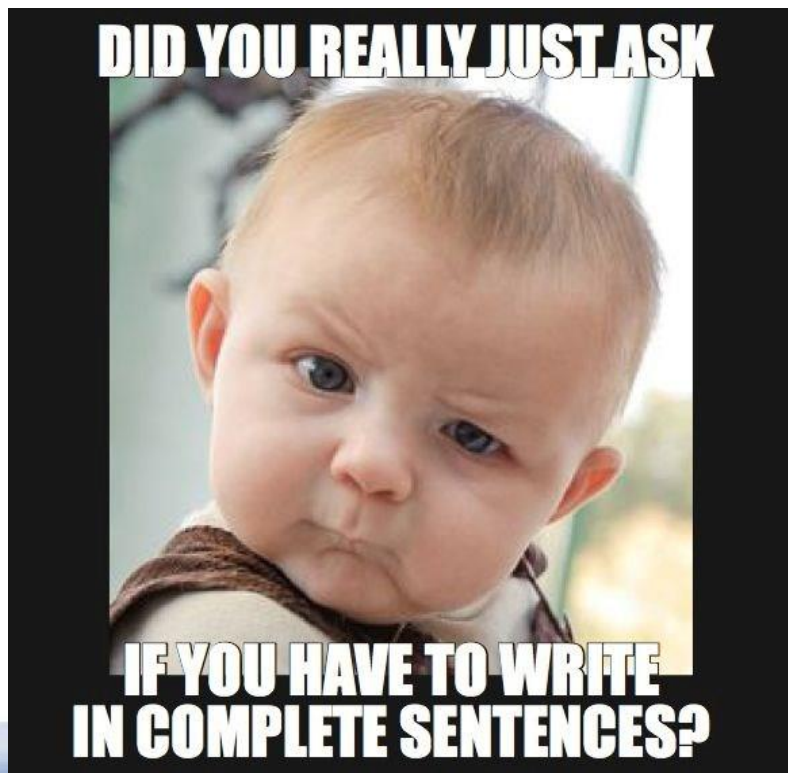
- Each week and/or day, homework assignments will be written on the monthly calendar located on the board.
- It is the student's responsibility to copy assignments down in their planner.
- Extended assignments (such as projects or units) will be available on my webpage and Canvas:



<http://madisonmiddlejags.org/Domain/2509>

How will my assignments be graded?

- All work should be completed neatly in pencil or erasable pen.
- Always write your name, date, class period, AND NUMBER on your paper starting on the first line on the right hand side of the paper. Titles should be placed on first available line, centered. (A sample paper will be on display...please use it.)



- Students will lose points on their assignments for *incomplete sentences, sentence fragments, incorrect punctuation,* or incorrect spelling.

What do you do when you are absent?

- Check the board AND Canvas for any assignments missed.
- Go to the make-up file for your work and/or check my webpage on the school's website AND Canvas.
- Make-up. Assignments. Are.

YOUR. RESPONSIBILITY.



Weekly Quiz

- Most Fridays you will be quizzed on the weekly objectives.
- These quizzes will include vocabulary, reading skills, grammar, or writing skills.



What about Independent Reading?

- Yes, you will be responsible for at least one independent NOVEL per nine weeks.
- At least 2 out of the 4 nine-weeks' periods, we will also read at least one class novel.
- Remember to **ALWAYS** bring your independent book to class to read when you are finished with an assignment.



Vocabulary

- **Vocabulary lessons will be assigned weekly/daily.**
- **Students are not only responsible for the weekly/daily words, but also for the all preceding words previously covered. I will spiral back and catch previously studied words for the test.**



Substitute Teacher

- You should follow all procedures just as if I was in the room.
- I'll assign two students to help the substitute with any questions.
- If for some reason I am away unexpectedly, please continue as if I were in the classroom.
- Penalties are doubled for anyone who chooses to break a rule while I am absent.



Classroom Discussions

Asking Questions

- **Please feel free to ask questions or join discussions.**
- **While each person is speaking, they should wait patiently and listen.**
- **Hands should only be up when the speaker is finished.**
- **Make all questions and comments relevant to the current discussion.**
- **If your question is off the topic, write it down and ask later.**
- **Each person will only be able to speak once during a discussion.**
- **When you begin an assignment, wait for me to walk around the room and I will answer your questions.**