

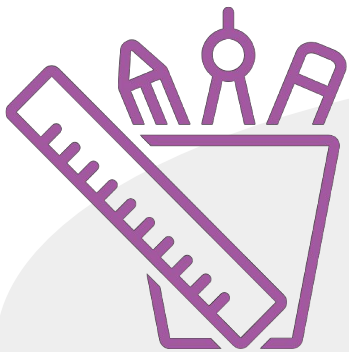
8th Grade Language Arts Information



ABOUT THE TEACHER

Welcome, I am Mrs. Todd. This is my 20th year of teaching. I have taught students as young preschooler all the way through 8th grade. I love to teach! My favorite subject is English.

- Reading- Literature: We will cover...theme, character, plot, and the rest of the elements of literature.
- Reading- Informational Texts: We will learn about about the author's purpose, main idea, figurative language, text structure, and other informational text elements.
- Speaking & Listening: The students will learn working in groups and giving presentations.
- Writing- We will learn about writing personal narratives, opinion writing, and research papers.



School Supplies

Students should bring these supplies to my class each day:

Device

Pencils

Water bottle

Planner

Writer's notebook

Highlighters



Language Arts Class Facts & Routines



1. Students should read 15-30 minutes nightly. The book should be a topic that interests your child. Some homework time will be spent reading books for literature circles.
2. All work will be posted on Canvas. Parents can check on assignments and grade within Canvas and Infinite Campus. Our reading system doesn't link to Canvas. Grades will be put in Infinite Campus as soon as possible.
3. Students will be taught to take notes within the Study Sync system.

4. We do not have a textbook, but we will be reading many texts throughout the year. Texts for literature circles and independent reading will be provided by the teacher. We also use an online reading program.
5. One area of focus this year is personal narrative writing. Students will use a writer's notebook daily.
6. Check Infinite Campus to see your students' grades. Your student will be encourage to check grades 2-3 times a week during advisory (homeroom) and study hall.



creating a safe Learning Environment

Within any classroom environment, behavior issues and conflicts happen. These disruptions impact our effective learning time. When problems arise, one or more of the following consequences may occur:

- ★ Student will do a think sheet
- ★ Student will have a conversation with the teacher and the other classmate to create an agreement to move forward
- ★ Parents will receive an email or phone call.
- ★ Multiple disruptions will create a referral to the office.



Digital Citizenship & Device Policies

1. Students should follow the district's policies for academic integrity. Students need to do their own work and should not share any work.
2. Students should bring a fully charged device to class each day.
3. Games are not allowed at school except the following academic games: NitroType



Cell Phone Policy

Students are allowed to use their cell phones before the morning bell and after the afternoon bell. If a student is using a cell phone during any other time, the teacher will send the cell phone down to the office where a parent can pick it up at the end of the school day.

If you need to contact your child during class time, please call the main office and we will get a message to your child.



Contact Info:

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 I can answer emails during my plan time 2:40pm. and before/after school until 4:00 p.m. To schedule a phone call, please contact me via email, Class Dojo or leave a message at the school's front desk.