

Parents and Caregivers,

First, I hope all of you are safe, healthy, and doing well. Thank you for your patience as we try to navigate this situation. I know you probably have many questions and I am hoping to help you with some of those in regards to your child's ELA class.

What ELA work can your child do at home?

While there are a variety of resources that I can and will provide you and direct you to, it is **most important for your child to continue to read and write on a daily basis**. We want your child to maintain the skills that he/she has learned throughout the year by practicing them daily. If you are not able to access any online assignments, please encourage your child to read for 30 minutes each day and to spend time writing. See suggested ELA assignment schedule at bottom of page.

How should your child get their work to me?

If your child has access to internet and a device, I will be posting review materials and activities through Microsoft Teams and they can also post their work through this site. Most of the students are familiar with this platform, it is an option inside of Microsoft Office Online. They will use the web address office.com and log on using their email address (first initial last name graduation year @pioneerschools.org) and the password that they use to log on their tablets at school. Ex: ksmith24@pioneerschools.org

Once they are in Microsoft office, they would use the "Teams" app. This app is also available as a download on smart phones and tablets if a computer is not available. I can communicate with them on this platform and provide them feedback, which I would love to do since we are not meeting in person!

What if your child does not have access to internet or a device?

If you would like printed materials/packets of review materials, please reach out to me and I will arrange to get them to you as soon as possible.

How can you contact me?

I would like to stay in touch as best we can. You can reach me by email at bworley@pioneericsd.org, leave a voicemail at 716-492-9300 x2441, or download the Remind app and join the appropriate class. Grade 7: class code @a3bdc7 Grade 8: class code @4a24ga.

Take care and let me know if you need anything at all,

Mrs. Worley

7th and 8th Grade 15:1 ELA

Suggested ELA assignment schedule:

Daily:

Grammar practice 5 minutes –quill.org is an online grammar resource, paper copies available on request, grammar practice will be posted on Microsoft teams.

Reading- 20 minutes or more of reading each day (books, articles, recipes, magazines, newspaper—be creative) Try to keep a log of what is read each day with a brief gist or summary.

Writing- 10 minutes -respond to reading, write a poem, story, or song, write a letter to a friend, respond to a writing prompt –be creative. If possible, have your child share their writing with me so that I can respond!

Weekly

Reading comprehension- Read an article or passage each week that has accompanying comprehension questions. Readworks.org or newsela.com are great resources, I can arrange for paper copies if needed. I will post reading comprehension articles and questions in Microsoft Teams as well.

Writing Prompts:

1. In essay form, discuss how going through disappointments can have a positive side.
2. Write about someone you care about and why they are so important to you.
3. Playing a team sport can have both good and bad points. Explain both the good points and the bad points about playing on a school sports team, explaining every point.
4. Think about someone you look up to. Write about this person and why you admire this person.
5. Imagine your school is considering making all students wear uniforms. Do you think this is right or wrong? Write a letter to your school giving your position on this subject and supporting your position with convincing reasons. Explain your reasons.
6. Think about your favorite sport or hobby. Write a composition about this hobby, explaining how to engage in this activity. Be sure to include all the steps someone needs to follow to do this activity.
7. Think about the favorite thing that you own. Write a descriptive essay to describe this item using words that explain how it sounds, looks, smells, tastes, or feels. Describe it so someone else can picture it in their mind.
8. Writing an essay finishing this thought: if I were able to change one thing about myself it would be...
9. Write an essay persuading a friend to stop doing drugs.
10. What character from a book would you enjoy meeting and why?
11. Imagine you worked at a pet shop. What would happen and what would you do if 200 mice got out of their cages in the pet shop?

12. If you could travel into the future, what would you do?
13. What things make you feel angry and why?
14. If you were president, what one thing would you like to change in this country?
15. What is your favorite commercial on TV and why is it your favorite?
16. Do you ever remember what you dream? Do you dream in color? Write about a very vivid dream that you remember.
17. Write about a big argument you had with a friend. Are you friends today? Who was the first to apologize?
18. Do you think it is an insult to use the expressions “throws like a girl,” “runs like a girl,” or “hits like a girl?” Defend your position.
19. Do you really need to have a college education to be successful? Why or why not?
20. Do you think that social media is a positive thing? Write an essay discussing why or why not.
21. Write an essay that explains the ways you have changed since you started middle school.
22. Write an essay describing why honesty is so important in any type of relationship.
23. What is your greatest accomplishment and why do you feel it is your greatest accomplishment?
24. What is your favorite hobby? Write about why you enjoy it so much.
25. Have you ever been bullied? Talk about a time that you were bullied or when you witnessed someone else being bullied. How did this make you feel?