

# LANGUAGE ARTS

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." Dr. Seuss*

## Class Rules

- Respect other people and their property.
- Be prepared to participate in all activities.
- Raise your hand when you need to share information or ideas.
- Be in your assigned area.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.

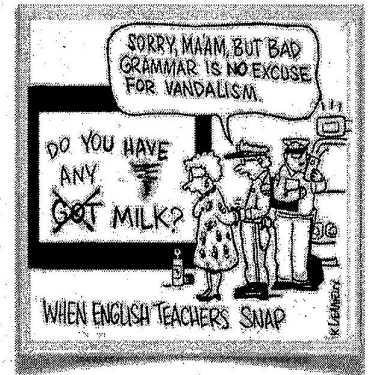
## Class Expectations

- Arrive on time to class with all necessary materials.
- Listen to and follow directions of the teachers.
- Get involved in class activities and do your best.
- Show respect to others in the room and their property.
- Treat school property with respect.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Do not disrupt the teacher's teaching or other students' learning.
- Stay in control of your behavior. Know that you are responsible for your behavior.
- No eating or gum chewing.

## Course Description

Welcome to Language Arts! This year we will be using the McGraw Hill *StudySync* online curriculum. *StudySync* contains:

- Differentiated ELA instruction, relevant literature, and engaging multimedia tools that challenge and support students of all learning levels and styles.
- Continually evolving resources keep students engaged and teachers on the forefront of changing educational expectations
- Close reading, analysis, and daily writing practice, while also sparking curiosity and imagination
- Vocabulary, spelling, and grammar are embedded throughout and tied back to the literature



## What do I get if I follow class rules?

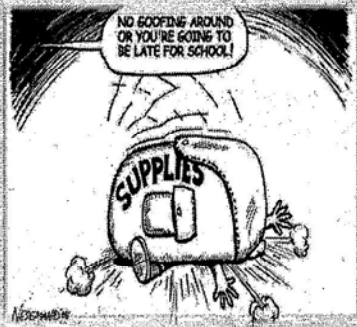
Your appropriate behavior in class assures everyone of an environment conducive to learning. Some possible rewards for continuous appropriate behavior are: intrinsic value (satisfaction of learning), improved skills, verbal praise, positive note to parents, and special class activities / privileges.

## What are the consequences if I don't follow class rules?

- Verbal warnings
- Parents/Guardian communication in the form of: Detention, call / email / note home, note in binder reminder, or office referral (and loss of merits.)
- Repeat offenders: Office Referral and loss of merits. Possible suspension.
- Severe offenders: Office Referral and loss of merits. Possible suspension and/or expulsion.

## Absences

Students are responsible for any and all work missed while they are absent. It is up to the student to ask for any notes or work they missed, rather than it being the teacher's responsibility to give them the work. Work is due one week from the day student returns.



## Supplies

- One pair of earbuds or headphones
- Wireless mouse- nice but not required
- Two college-ruled spiral notebooks
- College-ruled filler paper
- Multiple pencils
- One chunky eraser
- One handheld pencil sharpener
- One set of four or more highlighters
- Colored correcting pens

## How will I check my grade in class?

Parents and students are also strongly encouraged to check the **Powerschool Parent Portal** on a weekly basis to view the most current grades for EVERY class.

## Do I have to read outside of class?

All students will be expected to read independently on a daily basis. Students must bring a reading book to school so they are prepared for independent reading during Language Arts or advisory.

## Extra Credit

I will often build extra credit points into various tests, assignments, and projects. However, I will not create assignments for extra credit, since I believe that if a student is completing all their work, turning it in on time, and making a reasonable effort on tests then there will be no need for extra credit. So, if a student asks for extra credit to boost up their grade for a report card, then unfortunately the answer will be no.

## Communication

Email is the best way to get in touch with me and I try to get back to you within 24 hours.

## Late Work Policy: One Word-Don't

But...if you do, you have two days past the due date to turn in your work for ½ credit of what you earn. After that, it only gets marked as turned in. Long-term assignments like projects and presentations, are expected to be turned in on the due date as part of the assignment. Here is my philosophy about late work: if you do it and turn it in late, you have missed much of the purpose of the assignment because you weren't able to review your work or get the timely feedback needed to move on to the next concept. If you don't turn it in at all, I can't evaluate your progress or help you with concepts you may not understand.