

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

“Literature is no one’s private ground, literature is common ground; let us trespass freely and fearlessly and find our own way for ourselves.”

– Virginia Woolf

Class Rules

1. Be Kind and Understanding
Remember to greet you teacher and classmates
2. Follow class expectations
Social Contract
 1. How do you want me to treat you?
 2. How do you want to treat each other?
 3. How do you think I want to be treated?
 4. How will we handle violations of the contract?
3. Raise your hand during whole class discussions
4. Make smart choice

Class Expectations

1. Be Prepared
Must be in your seat, with materials when tardy bell rings.
2. Be proper
Make sure your heading on all papers, and electronic assignments
3. Be Honest
Do not use electronic devices in class without teacher permission.
4. Use restroom during passing breaks.
5. Maintain a clean and orderly work area.
6. Bring all of your supplies to class daily.
7. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.
8. All Tappan rules and policies shall be observed within the classroom.

Course Description

Welcome to 8th Language Arts! Our focus this school year will be learning and developing our skills as critical thinkers, readers, writers, speakers, and listeners. The development and mastery of these important literary skills not only is important to achieving success in the Language Arts classroom, it is a critical component of achieving success in other school subjects, building strong relationships with others, and attaining a flourishing career as an adult. Basically, the quality of life you experience now thorough adulthood will depend a lot on how well you read, write, and communicate with others.



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, tangible trinkets, and special class activities / privileges.

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

1. Warning. The teacher provides a pre VOE and or verbal reminder to student.
2. Lunch Detention. Short time spent during lunch to contemplate conduct.
3. Consequence. A mark recorded for poor citizenship. Parent/Guardian will be contacted via powerschool.
4. Referral to Administration. Student will be referred to administration with a VOE

Where do I go to find readings and assignments?

mrsleeaaps.weebly.com/ is our class website. This site will house the weekly updates, assignment due dates, PDF copies of class handouts, important announcements, and more.

Google Classroom will be used and a code will be provided at a later date.

What happens if I turn in an assignment late?

Work not completed and/or turned in by the assigned date is considered late. If a student is absent on the date work is due, the assignment is due the first day the student returns to school. COMPLETED LATE WORK will receive partial credit INCOMPLETE LATE WORK will not be graded and will result in a zero for the assignment. MAKEUP ASSIGNMENTS/ASSESSMENTS are permitted.

Grade Scale

A+	= 100%	A	= 94% - 99%
A-	= 90% - 93%	B+	= 87% - 89%
B	= 84% - 86%	B-	= 80% - 83%
C+	= 77% - 79%	C	= 74% - 76%
C-	= 70% - 73%	D	= 64% - 69%
F	= 0% - 63%		



Supplies

- Single subject COMPOSITION notebook--we will use this everyday!
- Pencils
- Multi Color Pens: blue, black, green, purple, red, etc.
- Two pocket folder
- Color Pencils, crayons, or markers
- Glue sticks or clear scotch tape

How will I check my grade in class?

- PowerSchool
- Pass back bin
- Schedule a conference during lunch, advisory, or after school.

What do I do if I am absent?

Always check the class site for agendas, handouts, and assignment due dates. A student has two extra days to turn in any work assigned on a day a student was absent. If a quiz was administered on a day a student was absent, the quiz must be made up on the first day the student returns. If previously assigned work was due on the day of the absence, the work is due on the first day the student returns otherwise it is considered late and will received late credit.

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 Advisory and Language Arts.

Book projects will be due at various points throughout the school year and must be completed on an independently read book the student finished that quarter.

What types of writing will I do this year?

Daily Writing Responses
 Argumentative Essays
 Research Essays
 One Pagers
 Choice Posters
 Montage
 Podcasts
 Sonnets
 And many more...

What is an Interactive Student Notebook?

The Interactive Student Notebook (IN) is a portfolio of student work. The notebook is organized in a left-side and right-side format. Every right-side of the notebook will house teacher directed notes / activities, while left-side assignments will showcase student understanding of right-side material in a creative and unique manner.

A composition book will be used for the ISN. Part of the ELA grade is based on the ISN. The majority of classwork, notes, study guides, AND vocabulary, will be completed in the ISN, so it is imperative that it be complete and up to date.

What are the required readings and units this year?

- * Science Fiction * Argumentative Writing
- * Realistic Fiction * Creative Writing
- * Historical Fiction * Research Writing
- The Outsiders/ Paul Revere's Ride /

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow / The Tell-Tale Heart / The Cask of Amontillado / There Will Come Soft Rains / Harriet Tubman / The Gettysburg Address / The Landlady / Lamb to the Slaughter / Diary of Ann Frank / Assorted poems and prose not listed / The Boy in the Striped Pajamas / Flowers for Algernon

PLEASE READ THE COURSE INFORMATION, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS SHEET TO MRS. LEE

Students:

Please sign below to signify that you have read the course sheet for Mrs. Lee's class, will keep it in your folder, and will be responsible for the information throughout the year, and **will check PowerSchool at least twice per week at school or at home.**

Student printed name

Student signature

Parents/Guardians:

Check all the statements that apply to how you would like to communicate with Mrs. Lee about your student's progress. I will, of course, call for major concerns or accomplishments, but with approximately 130 students, I like to know how you'd prefer to communicate.

_____ I/We have internet access at home, so we will check PowerSchool at least twice per week to check on my/our student's progress. I/We will contact Mrs. Lee about any concerns we have.

_____ I/We plan to email Mrs. Lee's weekly or monthly for an update.

_____ I/We do not have internet access at home, but I/we would like to have regular contact with Mrs. Lee. I/we will call for an update on a regular basis.

_____ Other:

Please sign below to indicate that you have read the course sheet for Mrs. Lee's class and that you will help your student be accountable for the information. If you have questions about the course or your student's work, please do not hesitate to contact me; **email is the best way to reach me quickly.** See the front of this sheet for my email address.

Parent/Guardian printed name

Parent/Guardian signature

Parent/Guardian **e-mail**
(please print)

Parent/Guardian **daytime** phone number

Parents and guardians, please CIRCLE the best way for me to contact you.
e-mail
phone