

8TH GRADE ENGLISH



Contact Information

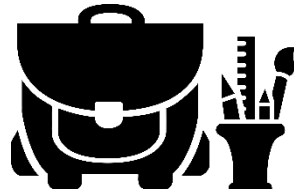
Class Materials

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- Please sign up with Remind 101



For this course, you will need the following resources:

1. Pencils or black pens
2. Composition notebook
3. Kleenex (8th only)
4. Index Cards (7th only)
5. Two three-prong folders (7th- red and green; 8th- yellow and blue)



Expectations and Goals

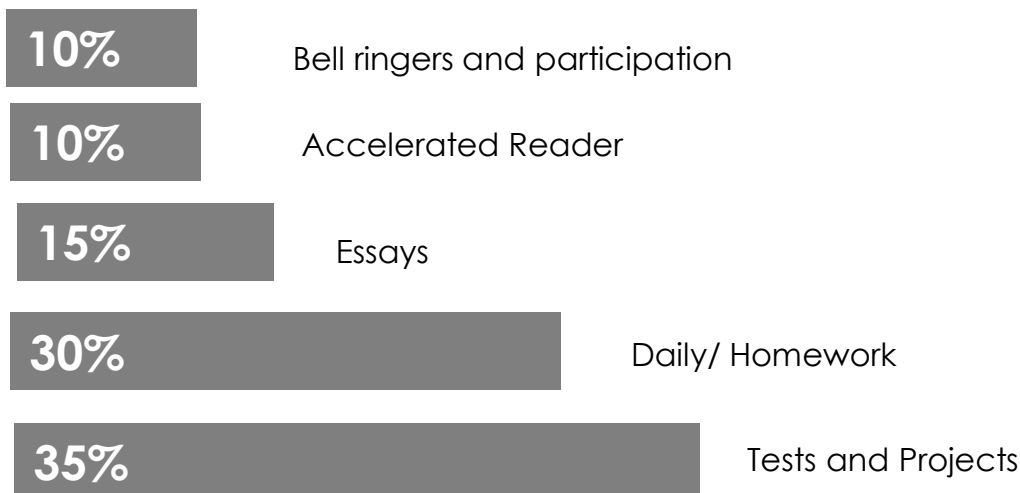
Most of our instruction in English will focus on reading complex literature, analyzing informational texts, understanding and analyzing literary elements, speaking and listening standards, and informative and argumentative writing. We will also complete many projects throughout the year. **My job** is to ensure that your child will be ready for high school, and **we will achieve that goal!**



Be respectful. Be successful.



Grading & Policies



ADDITIONAL POLICIES



Additional Help

I am willing to meet with you during break, my plan time, or after school to help you. Please let me know in advance, and we can work together to schedule a time that works for both of us.

Please note: I rarely offer extra credit. The expectation is that you are attentive in class and working to understand the concepts. Please do not waste class time only to request to stay after school to make up for lost time.

You may also email me for help, and I will respond as soon as possible.



AR

You are expected to bring your AR book to class each day. I do not give homework daily. On days you are not assigned homework, **your homework is to read!** We will usually go to the library every two weeks; however, students may also visit during open check out times. Students may also check out books from my classroom library. Any student found cheating on AR (ex: giving other students answers to tests, using the book during a test, taking tests for other students, etc.) will be given a zero and disciplinary action will be taken. Accelerated Reader goals and points count as 10% of your grade.

Academic Dishonesty

All work that you submit must be your own work. You may not do any of the following:

- 1) Turn in or copy someone else's work.
- 2) Copy someone's work and change a few of the words.
- 3) Copying words from a source without citing it and giving credit to the source.
- 4) Attempt to use any notes on a closed-note assignment.
- 5) Look at someone else's work during an quiz, test, or otherwise individual assessment.



If you are doing any of the above, or anything else that constitutes cheating, you will receive a zero on that assignment. You will also be referred for discipline.

Book Reports



You are required to complete a book report each nine weeks. Your book report must be on a book that you have read during the current nine weeks, and you must have passed the AR test for the book you are using for your book report. I will give you at least a month's notice before the book report is due. For this reason, no book reports will be accepted late under any circumstances. Book reports will count as a test/ project grade. Book reports may be turned in early, and I encourage you to do this in case an unforeseen dilemma arises.

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