

Welcome to Ms. Grady ' s Language Arts Class

Textbook:

We will be working from a variety of resources in language arts class. Our grammar series is by McDougal Littell, Grammar Network. This also came with a "Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics" workbook, which will be used as supplemental material. In addition to this program, we use a vocabulary series book by Great Source, called "Vocabulary for Achievement"

Writing:

We will be doing a variety of different writing pieces. Students will be learning and incorporating the Six Trait Plus One Writing Method into their work. (Ideas, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Voice, Organization, Conventions, and Presentation) We will continue to develop and build student skills in the area of ISAT Writing. Expository, narrative, and persuasive writing will be addressed, as well as, how to write an extended reader's response. We will also be writing in journals, exploring different types of poetry, and various types of letter writing. Students will be expected to go through the various writing steps, revising and editing their work, before submitting their " best " work. Our hope is to expand their writing ability to a new level and promote confidence in attempting more challenging assignments.

Expectations:

- ❖ Students are expected to maintain a binder for Language Arts, which will include their work, as well as, different resources created for the class. Binder checks will be done on an occasion, and points will be awarded.
- ❖ Students are expected to have all necessary supplies.
- ❖ Homework and writing assignments must be completed at the time they are due in order to receive full credit.

- ❖ Late work turned in no later than the following day will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ the available points, after which a zero will be given.

Grading:

- ✓ The trimester grade is a reflection of the total percentage of accumulated points earned by the student. Tests, quizzes, and projects will carry a significantly higher point value.
 - * Work Habit Points: 10% of final grade
 - * Daily Work, Assignment Points, & Writing: 40 % of final grade
 - * Tests, Quizzes, & Extended Project Points: 50% of final grade
 - ✓ Points will be awarded for daily assignments, work habits, binders, cooperative learning activities, quizzes, tests, projects, independent reading, etc.
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- ✓ 100-90 A
 - ✓ 80-89 B
 - ✓ 70- 79 C
 - ✓ 60- 69 D
 - ✓ 59-below F