Silver Surfers/ Ms. Thomas/ Rm.2110

English Language Arts Syllabus 2015-2016

Welcome back to Daniels Middle School! We are looking forward to a productive, fun-filled experience! In order for the year to go smoothly, there are a few details that I would like to share with you. Please make sure that you have the following items:

1. A three inch/ three ring binder (at the request of parents you can also purchase two composition notebooks. Please make sure you have a way to set up dividers.)
2. Plenty of loose leaf paper
3. Blue or Black pens/ Pencils (extra lead will not be provided for mechanical pencils)
4. Pen/pencil case
5. Black Sharpie and Highlighters
6. Colorful Index cards
7. Five dividers (some way to divide sections)

You will be using you notebook during every class. The five divided areas will be used to divide the five parts of English:

1. Vocabulary/ Structural Analysis
2. Literary Terms
3. Reading /Poetry
4. Grammar
5. Writing

Grading Scale: We are now on a ten point grading scale. Major assignments are fifty percent of your grade, minor assignments are forty percent of your grade, and homework is ten percent of your grade. Homework is crucial because it is practice and review. Learning the functions of past and present participles, gerunds, and infinitives can be daunting if one does not do his or her homework. Do your Homework!

We will have examinations of your knowledge every if not every other week. These tests/ quizzes will cover one or more portions of the five parts of English. I will review objectives. You are responsible for your personal notes for the test. You will have resources inside your notebooks so that studying will be easy. Eighth grade is preparation for high school. We will do everything that we can to prepare you, but you have to do the work.

Expectations:

1. Attendance is necessary to keep up with the class. If a student misses class time, they are missing the instruction time needed to learn a skill. However, if a student must miss class, it is their responsibility to retrieve work from the absent folder in the room.
2. Students are expected to be in their seat when the tardy bell rings. A bell ringer or an introductory assignment will be waiting for your completion.
3. Students are required to participate in class and be respectful to their peers, themselves, and their teacher. Consequences for misconduct may include lunch detention, student growth written assignments, parent notification, or office referral.
4. Plagiarism and cheating have no place in a community of learners. Each student is required to put forth their personal best. Everyone has something important and valuable to add to our learning experience. If a student is suspected of plagiarism or cheating, the parents and the principal will be notified and consequences will be determined.
5. Students are required to keep up with their assigned reading and turn in assignments on time. Students will lose valuable learning experiences if they come to class unprepared. Students have five days to turn in late assignments. After the first day of being late students will automatically loose twenty points and five points a day after.
6. A tardy student will be managed through the Silver Surfer Team Tardy Policy.
	1. 1-2 Warning
	2. 3-4 Lunch Detention/ Parent Contact
	3. 5 Office Referral

Instructional Material:

North Carolina Prentice Hall Literature MANY MORE! We are going GLOBAL!

Penguin Edition/ Grade Eight

Writers Choice Grammar and Composition

Grade Eight

It is my pleasure and honor to teach you, and I am always available to help you. Always feel free to ask questions; we are here for you.

Class Website: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My Edmodo UN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (first nm, last nm, birth yr.)

My Edmodo PW: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please make it easy to recall)

Parent and student signature is required for acknowledgment of syllabus and student expectations. If you have any questions please contact me at Ethomas5@wcpss.net.

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