



8th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus



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Let us tenderly and kindly cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write.” ~John Adams~

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 8th Grade English Language Arts at Spirit Creek Middle School My name is Frankie Wright and I will be your English Language Arts Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. I want to start out by telling you about my background. I have a passion for children, reading, and writing. I have a B.A. in English from South Carolina State University. I have a M.A. in Teaching from Augusta University. Furthermore, I hold a Reading Endorsement, Gifted Endorsement, and an ESOL Endorsement. I have a passion for children, reading, and writing.

This course is designed to emphasize critical reading, comprehension, and writing skills. 8th grade is a very crucial year for students because they are required to pass all parts of the Georgia Milestone End of Grade Assessment and read on a Lexile level of a 1010L or higher by the end of the school year!!!!!! Comprehension strategies will be expanded to help students better understand and retain what they read. Students will further develop critical reading skills, and expand their written and spoken vocabulary. We will also focus on literary analysis, annotating texts, paraphrasing, and citing textual evidence. We will read a variety of materials including short stories, novels, poetry, and other literary works. The class will focus on the development of informational, argumentative, and narrative writing skills. It is my goal to engage, challenge, and improve the academic performance of my students through exciting and meaningful lessons and activities.

Building a strong learning community with parental involvement is very critical. My email address and phone number are listed above. I encourage you to communicate with me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to a wonderful and exciting year with your child and I believe that this school year will be AWESOME as your child journey through the five strands of reading to include: phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehending literary and informational texts.

Sincerely,

Miss Frankie Wright
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