LANGUAGE ARTS 8

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Class Curriculum

Literature:....students will explore various themes throughout the year....

- * Coming of Age
- *Meeting Challenges
- *Ouest for Justice and Dignity
- *Heroes and Adventures
- *The Holocaust

Grammar....students will use the four step process in an intense study of grammatical elements....

- *Definition
- *Recognition
- *Function
- *Creation

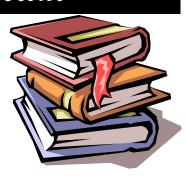
(Parts of Speech, Phrases, Sentence Parts, Phrases, Clauses, Agreement, Mechanics) Composition....students will compose a variety of writing pieces (journal entries, paragraphs, poetry, essays, research paper) by using the writing process of.....

- *Prewriting
- *Drafting
- *Revision
- *Proofreading

Patterns of writing development will include....

- *Persuasive
- *Description
- *Comparison/Contrast
- *Character Analysis
- *Expository

Emphasis on the development of a Thesis Statement



Vocabulary....students will work through a variety of lessons using...

- *Spelling *Word usage
- *Definition/Synonyms
- *Antonyms *Etymology
- *Prefixes/Roots/Suffixes

Vocab Tests are weekly!

Textbooks

Prentice Hall Literature	
Wordly Wise: Book 5	
Write Source : Writing & Grammar	
The Outsiders, The Pearl,	
The Hobbit,	
Diary of Anne Frank, The Book Thief, Night	
To Kill a Mockingbird	

Supplies Needed

- Thesaurus (provided)
- Spiral notebook for journaling
- Notebook paper (non-spiral)
- Pencils for drafts
- BLACK PENS ONLY for formal papers. Some papers will be required to be typed.

CLASS RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

- 1. **Be prepared** by having all required materials (text, homework, pen/pencil, paper). Late work will be marked down 10% for one week. At that point, it becomes a "0."
- 2. **Cheating is unacceptable.** Work will be given a "zero" and parents called.
- 3. Respect each other's person and property, including all school property.
- 4. **Be on time** ready to begin class. Tardy students will be held after class.
- 5. No put downs! Any form of harassment, intimidation or bullying will not be tolerated.

Expectations.....

- *Come to school each day in proper dress code. The <u>Dress Code will be enforced</u>. *All final draft essays will
- be typed.

NOTE: The student may use the classroom computer due to problems with their home computer.

Differentiated Instruction

In order to lift the performance of all students, including those falling behind and those ahead, all instruction will be tailored to fit the needs of each student. This includes content, process, assessments, projects, or the learning environment.