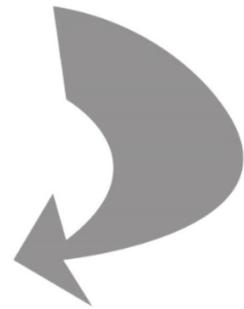


English Language Arts

Student Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: _____

Teacher:
Mrs. Donna Weirauch



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Classroom Overview:

Welcome to your eighth grade year. I am so excited to have you with us here at Garry Middle School and to have many of you for a second year in a row. This year you will be asked to push yourself academically and most importantly to always **TRY**. If you aren't successful at first, that's okay! It is the willingness to continue trying that makes us better learners. My goal is to help you become better readers, writers, and critical thinkers. Together, I think we can make this year a great one. In 8th grade Language Arts we use the Springboard Curriculum and our overarching theme for eighth grade is "Challenges." This theme will guide our readings and writing throughout the four units. Also, as you may remember, this class requires quite a bit of reading, which may challenge some of you. I know you are up to the challenge!



Classwork:

- **Daily Work: (10 pts each)** This includes most of the assignments we will do in the classroom. You are expected to finish the assignments at home if you do not complete them during the time given to you in class.
- **Embedded Assessments: (40 pts each)** There are two Embedded Assessments per unit. They might be an essay, project, creative writing piece, etc. **AR Goal: (30 pts)** You are required to read at least 20 minutes every night. Each quarter you will have an AR Goal that will be tied to your grade. You will earn points by taking AR Tests and passing them with a 65% or higher.



Missing/Late Work:

- **Missing assignments** will be entered as a 50% (F) until made-up.
- **Absences** happen. It is YOUR responsibility to get the work and or/notes you missed which can be found in the missing work folder.
- **Late work** will be accepted until the Embedded Assessment for that particular unit.



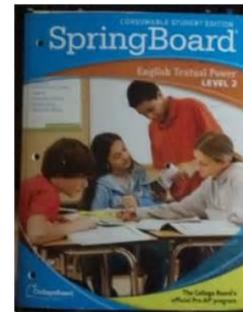
Online Grades:

Grades will be updated at least every 2 weeks on PowerSchool. Parents/guardians and students may access student grades anytime by using the PowerSchool app or using their log-in at www.spokaneschools.org/students then clicking on "PowerSchool." If you don't know your PowerSchool log-in, please contact your counselor or the main office.

Classroom Expectations

- We are *Ready* to learn.
- We are *Responsible* for our own learning and for ensuring others can learn.
- We are *Respectful* of ourselves and others at all times.

Materials



We will use be using our Springboard books frequently. Treat this book respectfully, you will need it the entire year.



3 inch 3-ring binder, zipper pouch, pencil, pen, highlighter, planner, divider tab for Language Arts, loose leaf paper, A.R. book, Springboard book



Students will always need an independent novel. They will bring it to class everyday, and will be expected to read for 20 minutes every night.

Behavior Policies

1. Personal electronic devices must be silent and out of sight.
2. Be in your seat when the bell rings, with materials out and working on your entry task.
3. Work diligently on the given task. When you finish, your next assignment is always to read your AR book.
4. Be proactive in your learning: ask questions, listen attentively, try!

