**Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy**

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**7th Grade English/Language Arts**

Welcome to your 2024/25 English Language Arts Class!

**Course Description:** Seventh Grade English/Language Arts (E/LA) focuses on both reading and writing. Various forms of literature and informational text are explored to help students understand the various genres of writing. Students will keep a writing portfolio for ongoing work and will produce various pieces of writing. Close reading for understanding complex texts is practiced. Students will produce several artifacts using various media including PowerPoint, posters, and brochures.

To continue familiarizing you with the new common core standards for language arts this year adopted by at least forty-three of the fifty states, classroom instruction will continue to vary from the past traditional methods. If you have internet access, you may view these standards from pages 34-66 at:[**https://tinyurl.com/want2learn8th**](https://tinyurl.com/want2learn8th)

**If you choose to break a rule:**

**1.** **First time:** Verbal warning

**2.** **Second time:** Contact parent/guardian

**3.** **Third time:** Student/Parent/Teacher (team) conference

**4.** **Fourth time:** Office Referral

**Classroom Procedures/Expectations**

1. Starting August 27, 2024 you will be required to bring all of the following to class: Flash Drive, (1) 2 ½ inch Binder filled with loose leaf paper, (1) Pocket Folder, Pencils/Pens (blue/black ink), and Highlighters (3 different colors).

2. Upon entering the classroom, you are to complete the Do Now unless it is given to you at the door upon entering. Come into the classroom, have a seat in your assigned seat, and begin the assigned task with your mouth closed. Once you have completed the Do Now, you are to read silently in your seat until the teacher is ready to present the daily lesson.

3. Cellphones are not permitted in class. If a student is caught with a cellphone, the teacher will confiscate the cellphone and hold onto the cellphone until the end of the day. If a student is caught a second time with a cellphone in class, a parent will be contacted regarding this matter. The cellphone will be turned into the principal.

* Please remind your child that if I ask for the cell phone because the student did not follow the cell phone policy, please be respectful and hand over the cellphone without commentary (any verbal language) or an attitude. If the student would like to discuss the matter, they must follow the rules as outlined and then **politely** ask if he/she may speak to the teacher at an appropriate time concerning this matter.

4. When you are absent, YOU are responsible for all work that was missed.

* Any work that you miss due to an absence will be found with the teacher. If for any reason you have a problem, you must see me for help or answers. I cannot read your mind so you must find me.
* If a presentation was done, you must ask for notes from a peer and if online (check the assignment section). You may also ask for a printout of the slideshow, if available.
* Tests and quizzes not made up within a week due to an absence will be given a “0.”

5. Students will be allowed to go to the restroom as a class in my room upon need. **Please be mindful of using the restroom and following the bathroom PBIS expectations.**

**6.** Starting in the 1st nine weeks, any student not passing this course will be sent home with weekly progress reports up until the end of the school year. Please make sure that you are monitoring your grade for this course.

7. The bell reminds the teacher that you have other classes to attend. It is not a sign for you to leave the room before you are dismissed. **The bell doesn't dismiss you….I do!!!**

**Novels for Class Study**

**-Punching the Air -We Beat the Streets -Dying for Change**

**-The Hate U Give -Scorpions -Money Hungry**

**Grading Policy**

You will receive grades based on the following categories and percentages:

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| **PERCENTAGE** | **FORM OF ASSESSMENT** | **EXPLANATION** |
| 55% | Tests and Projects | * Class Tests will be administered within or at the completion of each unit * Projects may be group or individual * There will be a test at the end of each quarter. (CFA) * District Level Assessments will be administered throughout the school year. |
| 35% | Classwork | * Included daily work and participation |
| 10% | Homework  Participation | * Homework will be assigned weekly. Packets will be given when needed. * All students are required to participate in class. |

**Important Grading Policy Notes:**

**\*\*Extra credit is not an option and will not be considered!!! I will do whatever possible to help make this a successful year for you, but ultimately, the choice and decision to succeed is up to YOU!!\*\***

**Grading Scale:**

**A=** 90-100%

**B=** 80-89%

**C=** 70-79%

**D=** 60-69%

**Below 60%=** Find me quick!!

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