



# LANGUAGE ARTS

With Mr. Nadal

## Materials

Every day, you need to have:

1. 2 Pens or Sharp Pencils
2. A Journal with Lined Paper
3. A Book to Read & Write About

## How do I see my child's work?

You can see all of your child's writing on **Google Classroom**. You can see all of their grades on **ParentVue**.

If you don't know how to access ParentVue, please get in touch with the office as soon as possible. They will help you get set up.

I've been teaching language arts, math, and science for 22 years, from 3rd through 8th grade. I stuck with language arts because the thinking and communication skills we learn are the basis for so much of the learning students do in other classes and later in their careers.

Our family lives in the David Douglas School District and our children have attended Menlo Park, Floyd Light, and David Douglas High School. I love teaching in the same community and schools that our family is a part of.

## Contact Me

Parent Square, ParentVue, or Email:

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## What is this class about?

Language Arts is your reading and writing class. You will learn to:

1. **Analyze Information**
2. **Develop Your Own Ideas Based on Evidence**
3. **Communicate Clearly and Professionally**

The class focuses on reading and writing, but we will also use other media, such as video, public speaking, websites, and visual arts.



## Grades

Grades are updated every Monday. Classwork will account for about 70% of your grade, and tests will account for about 30%.

## Missing Work & Revising Work

You can revise or turn in any assignment, except for tests, for **one week** from their due date for full credit.

If you are stuck, contact me. Email me, talk to me during class, write me a note, etc, and I will put you on my list of kids to help. It probably won't happen that same day, but I will get to you.

## Phones & Non-School Headphones

Phones must be **off and out of sight** during class.

If a student has a phone out in class, it will be confiscated for an adult to pick up from the office.

Headphones are only to be used when we need for learning we are doing in class.

## Expectations

1. Enter class on time & follow the instructions.
2. Have your materials ready every day.
3. Check your own grades regularly.
4. Act in a way that helps everyone in class learn.
5. At times, everyone has a stressful situation that makes it hard to be your best self in school.

If you are in this situation, let me know in a way that doesn't distract other students: write me a short note, privately tell me you are having a really hard day, or email me. Then, find something to do quietly, and I will check back in with you during class. We will decide on a later time to do your work or an alternate assignment so that you can take care of your immediate needs.

## What happens if I don't follow the expectations?

1. For small issues, I will contact a student's family and fill out a 'minor' behavior referral form for my own records.
2. Three minors become a 'major' behavior referral form, and is sent to the office for other adults to help in solving the problem.
3. More extreme behaviors do not receive a minor, they receive a major immediately.

The point of referral forms is to make sure that you have accurate information about how your child is doing in school so that you can plan for them to be more successful in the future.