



LANGUAGE ARTS

With Mr. Nadal

Materials

Every day, you need to have:

1. 2 Pens or Sharp Pencils
2. Journal with Lined Paper
3. A Book to Read and Discuss

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.

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I've been teaching language arts, math, and science for 20 years, from 3rd grade to 8th grade. I've stuck with language arts because it is the basis for all the other learning students do in school and beyond: We learn to read, write, and think.

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. **Write and speak clearly and professionally.**
2. **Research information and decide how likely it is to be true.**
3. **Use thinking skills to develop new ideas based on research.**

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%.

There will occasionally be small extra credit assignments for sharing your work with an adult outside class.

Missing Work & Revising Work

You can revise or turn in any assignment late **except tests** 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

Phones must be **off and out of sight** during class, with no exceptions. If a student has a phone out in class, it will be confiscated for an adult to pick up. I have a locking box on my desk to hold confiscated phones.

Expectations

1. Enter class quietly before the bell & follow the instructions.
2. Have your materials ready each day.
3. Stay on task with your Chromebook.
4. Check your grades at least weekly.
5. Act in a way that helps everyone in class learn.

At times, everyone has a stressful situation that makes it hard to be your best self in school. If you are in this situation, quietly let me know. You can write me a short note, tell me you are having a bad day, or email me if its not an immediate concern. Then, find something to do quietly, and I will check back in with you during class and help find a solution and a time to do your work later.

What happens if I don't follow the expectations?

1. For small issues, students will bring home a paper called a 'minor' behavior referral form. This is just between the teacher, your child, and you to give you information about situation.
2. Three minors become a 'major' behavior referral form, and other school staff help to find a solution to the situation.
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 know how your child is doing in school and to help give you accurate information so that we can make a plan together.

Please keep this syllabus.

Sign the attached paper
& return it to class.