“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”   
 ~ [Dr. Seuss](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/61105.Dr_Seuss), [*I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/2333951)

**Course Outline 2019-2020**

English Language Arts

Students will be experimenting with a wide variety of communication methods including novels, short stories, news articles, magazines, poetry, music, movies, web resources and advertising.

Learning activities will be organized around the six strands of ELA -reading, writing, viewing, speaking, listening, and representing.

**Assessment**

**Assignments/Projects**

Projects, classroom activities and daily work will comprise the majority of the ELA mark.

**Tests/Quizzes**

There will be some quizzes/tests, focused mainly on comprehension for the novel studies we complete. There will be NO final ELA exam in June.

All work **must** be completed by agreed upon due dates. Incomplete and late assignments will be accepted past due dates, so please make every effort to complete all work so that your assessment is an accurate reflection of your learning.

Welcome to Gr. 8 ELA. I look forward to working with you this year. I believe that cooperation and communication will be key elements in your success.

Students will have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences in ELA this year. Each unit of study will incorporate analytical and creative responses to various forms of literature and informational media.

In Grade 7-8 ELA, we will be exploring the overall theme of Overcoming Adversity/Resilience.

This year’s novel studies in Grade 8 will be The Outsiders, and Banner in the Sky.

English Language Arts helps students become confident, creative, and competent in their use of English for a variety of purposes, including learning, enjoyment, and communication.

**\*\*** Please feel free to see me at lunch or in the mornings/after school for any assistance. **\*\***



***Supplies***

**All students are expected to come to class prepared with:**

\*binder (including loose-leaf paper and dividers)

\*pencils, erasers, and pens

\*Silent Reading book

(Mon, Wed, Fri)

\*memory stick

**\***water bottle **(optional)**