**Ms. Blankenship’s Language Arts**

I’m thrilled you will be a part of my Language Arts class this year. I want to take a moment and let you know what you can expect this year. As the school year progresses we will be involved in many studies. We will discover new words together through a vocabulary study as well as a root word and prefix/suffix study. We will continue to develop our reading skills while studying strategies to reading not just looking at the words and answering questions. Reading will be the main focus so get ready for lots of different materials. Newspapers, books , magazines, and technology will all provide good resources to become better readers. Also, each six weeks you will need to work toward a personal reading goal to earn points. This is a new reading program to go along with AR reading but not totally dependent upon AR books. Projects will earn you points. We will look closer at this in the days ahead. You will have plenty of opportunities to read during the day so please take advantage of these times. It will only help you. One more reading note, you will need to be reading at home during the week because you will be responsible for completing reading journals. I will ask that each student read at least 30 minutes at home weekly. This will need to be signed by a parent at home.

With our grammar and writing we will focus on sentence and paragraph development. Each student will complete grammar exercise as well as writing prompts.

Homework is to be completed when you don’t finish in class or during study hall. On most occasions time is given to complete work in class. If time is used wisely there won’t be much work to complete at home.

Assignments- All assignments are worth 100 points. Projects do count twice. Any homework assignment not completed or with you in class the next day could result in demerits or other consequences.

Test and quizzes will be given when we complete units of study. I will give plenty of notice when a quiz or test is coming up. On most weeks during lab time you will complete Interactive Achievement reading tests for a grade. Also there will usually be an SOL formatted reading assessment to complete at home weekly.

**YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT YEAR IF YOU FOCUS AND COME TO CLASS PREPARED!**

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 --- Ms. Blankenship