

8th Grade Language Arts

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Mr. Alonzo

Welcome to 8th Grade Language Arts!

Upcoming Study Topics:

VOCABULARY
IN-CLASS WRITING COMPOSITIONS
CHARACTERIZATION
FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE
COMPOUND SENTENCES
VERBS FOR ABILITY OR POSSIBILITY
READING STRATEGIES
DESCRIBING PEOPLE AND PLACES
MANIAC MAGEE
"EXCERPT FROM CRISS CROSS"
"MANAGING STRESS"

Summer Reading:

Exploring Maniac Magee is an appropriate introduction to a school year in which students will explore themes like racism and social discrimination. Students will analyze main characters and illustrate a map with one of the main events from the book. Then, they will write a letter in which they will explore their feelings towards difference in race.

Through Reading, Writing, Class Discussions, and other interactive activities Mr. Alonzo expects to interest students in meaningful topics that affect their social environment and produce work related to such topics at an academic level. Mr. Alonzo hopes students are ready to work hard, be responsible and creative, but most important, to have a great time in a fun learning environment.



Grading Distribution:

Classwork 50%
Tests/Quizzes 15%
Homework 15%
Projects 20%