

Sammy McClure Middle School
8th Grade Language Arts
Ms. Hambrick

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Remind 101: Text @ahambrick followed by your class period to 81010 (For example, if you are in my 1st period, text @ahambrick1 to 81010).

The goal for my class this year is to develop your child's reading, writing, and depth of knowledge through various assignments and writing activities. The format of this class will be a mixture of lecture, classroom discussion, cooperative learning, etc. The goals listed above are supported by the Georgia Standards of Excellence. You can find detailed explanations of the standards at <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Frameworks/ELA-Grade-8-Standards.pdf>

Grading/Assignments

The grading breakdown is as follows: 60% Summative and 40% Formative

- Summative assessments might include projects, tests, research papers, major writing tasks, major performance tasks, speeches, dramatizations.
- Formative assessments that lead up to mastery of unit/project goal might include writing tasks, quizzes, minor performance tasks, daily work, and homework (completion of a project/assignment tasks)

Homework

Homework includes projects, any class work that was not finished in class, and any extra assignments I believe are needed to reinforce concepts students may be struggling with.

Classroom norms

Each class period will work collaboratively to develop classroom norms and expectations (approved by Ms. Hambrick) that will dictate classroom behavior. The agreed upon norms and expectations will be posted in the classroom for both students and I to refer back to.

Tutoring

I am available Tuesday and Thursday mornings for tutoring on an as needed basis.

Behavior Plan

Following is the plan for behavior management that focuses on the best classroom environment that can be provided to help students feel safe and allow them to focus on their academics:

- Behavior expectations: demonstrate respect, courtesy, and accountability; behave in a mature manner, arrive to class prepared and on time (this also takes into consideration the student driven classroom norms).
- Positive Behavior Reinforcements: specific praise, periodic rewards/recognition, and positive notes/calls home
- Behavior consequences: warning to student, parent contact, detention, referral

Assignments/Late Work

Students are expected to turn in all work on the assigned due date. While major assignments such as projects will be accepted after the due date, ten points will be deducted per day.

Absence/Make-up Procedure

Upon returning to school following an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact me to request make-up work and plan to take any missed tests. The student will be given the same amount of time to make up their work as the student was absent (unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon).

Please note, Cheating or plagiarizing in any way on any assignment may result in a zero for a grade and further disciplinary actions.

Essential Supply List for All Grades and Classes

School lockers will not be available for student use to begin the 2020-2021 school year. We have reduced the suggested supply list to include only essential supplies needed for school each day. All students will be allowed to store and carry their supplies in their own backpacks, and they should bring all essential items with them each day. Students will not be allowed to store any items in classrooms or other areas of the building. By ensuring that your student has the essential items listed below, we can reduce the need for students to share supplies. We will evaluate the need for issuing lockers to students at a later time.

Essential Supply List for All Grades and Classes

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Refillable Water Bottle (water fountains will be used as refill stations only)
- 1, 3-inch Binder OR 2, 1.5-inch Binders
- Tab Dividers (with pockets if available)
- Lined Notebook Paper for Binder
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- Pencil box or pouch to store items
- Pencils
- Small personal, covered pencil sharpener
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Markers and/or Colored Pencils
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 USB or "Jump" Drive (optional but highly recommended)
- 6th Grade Students Only – Basic 4 Function Calculator
- 7th and 8th Grade Students Only – TI-30XS Multiview Scientific Calculator OR TI-36X Pro Scientific Calculator

*****SPECIFIC FOR LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS:**

One spiral notebook (This will be used exclusively for Language Arts and should last the whole year).

The above syllabus is subject to change in order to accommodate classes that need additional or less time on a unit. Classes will be notified when changes are made to syllabus.