



September 4, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to [8th Grade Language Arts, SOAR, and ICR for Social Studies!](#) I am excited to be back at school, and I look forward to working with you this year. Please be sure to check out my [Teacher's Page](#) on the Middle School North website where you will be able to review my class rules/expectations, supply list, curriculum, grading, etc. I will be using [Remind 101](#) and Schoology for reminders, assignments & important announcements.

**\*\*Directions for parents and students to join our Class REMIND:**

- LA Section 83011 (1A/2B/4C/7D) - Send a text to 81010 Text this message: @aaf4e8 (You will be known as the Red Class)
- LA Section 83014 (1D/2A/4B/7C) - Send a text to 81010 Text this message: @29c992 (You will be known as the Blue Class)
- SOAR Section 8003 (3 A-D) Send a text to 81010 Text this message: @cg8f432h

I will be using this for Social Studies reminders as well!

**Both students and parents** may sign up for Remind and subscribe to my webpage.

Please follow your 8th grade schedule. Attendance will be taken daily. Students will be completing assignments for LA class in class or on [Schoology](#). Assignments will be discussed in class and complete directions will be discussed in class or on Schoology. It is expected that students will turn in work **ON TIME**, following the **DUE DATE/TIME** as discussed or posted.. Students should always be sure they click "**SUBMIT**" on the assignment and check that it is turned in correctly. Please check the parent portal regularly. Grades will be entered once the assignment is graded. If an assignment is not turned in, I will indicate "**missing**" on the [Parent Portal](#). Late work may result in points being taken off the assignment.

**Independent reading** is required for Language Arts class. Students will be choosing their own independent reading books. Books should be on their reading level and/or in their Lexile range and follow the genre guidelines set in class for that unit. I will be benchmarking each student the first few weeks of school to assess a current reading level for each student. Students may choose books from any source (my classroom library, a local library, their own books, Learning Ally, and I will be adding books they want to read on Bookshare). Your child should be reading a **minimum** of 20 minutes each day. (M-F) It is extremely important that students are **consistently** reading daily, as this will help improve their fluency, comprehension and decoding skills.

For their first book, students may continue reading something they are currently reading at home or start something new. It must be **fiction**, but they can read any type of fiction (realistic fiction, historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, classics), etc. We will read non-fiction during another unit. It is important that parents/guardians help to monitor the appropriateness of their child's independent reading book at all times. There are many books I can recommend to my students, but I have not

read everything they will choose to read. I thank you in advance for your help!

**Suggested supplies** have been posted on my [Teacher Page](#) and are also attached.. **Please make sure ipads are charged daily.** For help learning how to use the iPad, the district has created a [Technology Tutorial Support webpage](#). For technical assistance, please see the [Technology Support page](#) on the MSN website.

**Back to School Night** will be held on **September 10, 2025**. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me! I look forward to a positive and productive school year with your students.

Sincerely yours,

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## Suggested Supplies List

- 3 inch 3-ring binder
- 10 dividers
- Composition Notebook
- Sturdy pocket folder
- Wired headphones to keep in class
- Independent reading book
- Pencils

Please let me know if you cannot get any of these materials for class.

We always appreciate donations of tissues and wipes!

