



Mr. Kibler: English Language Arts

Course Description

Welcome to 7th grade Language Arts! This school year will be learning and developing our skills as critical thinkers, readers, writers, speakers, and listeners. The development and mastery of these important literary skills not only are important to achieving success in the Language Arts classroom, but it is also a critical component of achieving success in other school subjects and building strong relationships with others. This year students will embark on a curriculum developed by Expeditionary Learning (EL). EL is a comprehensive, standards-based core literacy program that engages students through compelling, real-world content.

What will we be learning this year?

You will have four units of study that cover a broad range of fictional and informational text, writing, and speaking and listening skills. It is recommended that students purchase the two novels we'll be reading this year (*A Long Walk to Water* and *Lyddie*) in order for students to be able to fully annotate the text.

Approximate Timeline

Quarter 1--*A Long Walk to Water*

Quarter 2--*Lyddie*

Quarter 3--Frederick Douglass

Quarter 4--Adolescent Brain Development

Grading Scale

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 0-59

Categories in Powerschool

Majors	50%
Intermediates	35%
Minors	15%
Formatives	0%
Total	100%

Category Examples

Tests	Major
Projects	Major
Quizzes	Intermediate or Minor
Classwork	Intermediate or Minor
Homework	Minor or Formative



HGMS Late Work

Students may turn in late work, with a penalty of 10% off for each day they turn in an assignment late. The procedure for deducting points is the grade the student earned minus the percentage deducted.

1 day late	10% deducted
2 days late	20% deducted
3 days late	30% deducted
4 or more days late	40% deducted (max deduction)

How do I check my grades?

Class progress reports will be sent home in the middle of each quarter. Parents and students are also strongly encouraged to check PowerSchool on a weekly basis to view the most current grades for EVERY class.

Retakes?

Students can complete a [Grade Improvement Form](#) for only Major assessments to improve their grade up to 70%.

Wish Lists

If you are in a giving mood please take a moment and check out both [the 7.4 Red team wishlist](#) and [my classroom wishlist](#). The team items will be shared amongst all of the 7.4 Red team members. Thank you for your generosity!

If there is anything I can do to help your child succeed in any way—inside and outside of the classroom—or if you feel there is certain information that I should be knowledgeable of please feel free to contact me.

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