

**LANGUAGE ARTS
FORM 3
2023-2024 Course Syllabus**



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The Purpose of this Course:

Students will be able to:

- Learn to love the written word and to grow in our skill in composing words into ideas, narratives, and compelling and persuasive essays.
- Learn to employ the use of vivid language to describe people, nature and processes (first semester).
- Learn to write well-crafted persuasive thesis essays with narrative, descriptive, expository, and comparative elements.

Participation

Student participation is required in projects, homework, and especially classroom discussions. Classroom expectations are as follows:

- Students must always respect their instructor, just as the instructor will always endeavor to treat the students with fairness. Students should utilize, not waste, classroom time.
- Students should treat the classroom as a professional space, not their personal space.
 - o Do not force others to clean up your messes.
 - o Strive for a professional demeanor.
 - o Actively look for ways to improve the class and beautify the classroom.

Assignments:

The weekly homework load for this class is light. All assigned work must be completed to the best of your ability. If homework is not completed to the instructor's satisfaction, it will be re-done until it meets the standard.

Some Basic Classroom Expectations

When expectations and boundaries are clear and agreed upon, a community is more joyful and

orderly. In the beginning God spoke his Word into the chaos and brought forth creation, and beauty and meaning. The routines and expectations in our class are likewise not meant to squash creativity or passion, but rather to create space for them to flourish in the busyness of our school day. Our class time is precious, making routines for our most mundane activities helps us use this time wisely.

- **Eating & Drinking:** There will be no eating in the classroom. This is to be the rule at all times unless otherwise specified by Aunty Katie for feasts and/or on special days announced prior by Aunty Katie.
- **Adult Guests:** When an adult, including another teacher, enters the classroom during class, you all will stand as a sign of respect toward your elders. Aunty Katie will address our guest as you stand. After Aunty Katie has greeted the guest, the class will take their seats again.
- **Disrespect, Scoffing & Interruptions:** There will be no disrespect towards peers, scoffing towards Aunty Katie, nor rude interruptions of any kind. Our class is a community of learners and such behavior profoundly threatens our ability to foster a caring, safe, and eager intellectual environment. Any disrespect, scoffing or rude interruption will receive immediate disciplinary action. Repeat offenders may merit a meeting with Deacon Ben.
- **Discipline & A Culture of Maturity:** In this class, you will be treated as mature and thoughtful young adults. Part of this emerging adulthood is learning to (1) behave in a mature way while at the same time learning to (2) take responsibility for our actions and bearing the consequences for inappropriate behavior. If there is an issue, Aunty Katie will talk with you about the problem, expecting you to speak respectfully and honestly, taking responsibility for your actions and motives. If the issue persists, Aunty Katie will ask you to stay behind after class to talk, which will make you late for your next class. This is a part of bearing the consequences of our actions. In other instances he may send you to Dcn. Ben, in which case your parents will be notified.

Contacting Aunty Katie:

For the student: Try to ask the majority of your questions in person at school. If you have any questions after school hours, please message me on Slack (preferred) or email me (see above for email address). I commit to responding in a timely manner. For the parent: Feel free to contact me at any time, I am committed to returning parents communications within a 24 hour period. Please note that response time on Saturdays and Sundays may be slower.