

**Stacy Middle School**  
**Blue Team Language Arts Class**  
**Ms. Peterson**

**Purpose**

To enable students to read, write, and speak effectively so they can participate in a literate and democratic society.

To help students develop an appreciation for the beauty of language through the study of literature.

**Student Expectations**

Success in this class is dependent on several things. Students must:

❖ **Follow the rules of the class:**

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| *Respect each other                  | *Respect oneself                   |
| *Respect the adults in the classroom | *Respect the classroom environment |

❖ **Come to class every day prepared with necessary materials**

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| *Pencil or Pen                             | *Composition Book | *Independent Reading Book |
| *Small three-ring binder or plastic folder | *Vocabulary book  |                           |
| *Chromebook (once it is issued)            |                   |                           |

**Homework**

❖ Students will have homework most nights. Homework may be:

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Independent reading and completing projects
- Studying for tests
- Finishing essays (may include typing, editing, revising, etc..)

Homework is an important aspect of learning in a Language Arts class. Homework will consist of practice of skills learned during class, studying for tests and quizzes, and practice reading and writing independently.

Therefore, **if a student misses three homework assignments, he or she will be issued a lunch detention to complete those missing assignments. Homework and projects more than ten days late will be given a zero.**

**A note on cheating:** Cheating consists of copying anyone else's work and claiming it as your own. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will be given a zero for the assignment, and any subsequent cheating will result in additional consequences. This policy includes anyone allowing someone else to copy their work.

### **Grading**

<b>Homework</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Essays/written work</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Projects</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Tests</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Class Participation/Behavior</b>	<b>10%</b>
Summer Reading	5%
(First Quarter Only)	

**Extra Help/Office hours-** I am available after school for any additional help students may need. Office hours will be posted on my website and announced during class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

E-mail: [cpeterson@milfordma.com](mailto:cpeterson@milfordma.com)

School phone # 508-478-1170

Sincerely,

Ms. Peterson

Please sign the attached page to indicate that you have read and understand the syllabus.

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:** I have read the syllabus and understand what is expected of me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent:** I have received and read the class syllabus for the eighth grade Language Arts class.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Best way to contact you:

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Tips for Parents**

Children who see their parents reading are more likely to read and enjoy reading.

Reading a book or newspaper together and discussing what is read can also help improve reading skills.

When children finish a draft of a piece of writing, read it aloud to them. Hearing what they have written helps students hear where their writing is awkward or where they have made a mistake.

Try to set up a place devoted to homework. This place should be relatively quiet with no distractions such as T.V. or telephones. Some students find that quiet music helps them work and study.

In closing, I want to welcome you and your child to Middle School East. I look forward to working with your child this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.