

What to expect in Mrs. Colley's Language Arts class:

Classroom Expectations

1. Be respectful to yourself, others, and of their property.
2. Arrive on time with ALL of your materials-BE PREPARED!
3. Work during all work times-USE TIME WISELY!
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Follow directions immediately!

Overview

In this class, students will practice spelling, work on proper grammar, learn dictionary skills, and write in response to literature we've read or to various other prompts.

Weekly Spelling Quizzes

We will have a spelling quiz nearly every week (usually on a Thursday) over 20 words. Students will write their spelling list **in red** at the beginning of each week in order to study throughout the week. We will do daily activities out of the book to help the students learn the spelling, definition, and usage of each word. Every 6th week, a test will be taken over 50 of the previously studied 100 words.

Grammar Workbooks

Each student will have a grammar workbook to be kept in the classroom. If a student should need to finish or make-up an assignment, the workbook will be sent to HU and the student will be assigned a date by which to finish it.

Homework

Homework is rarely assigned, other than to read library books and study spelling words. However, when assigned, homework will be expected to be completed and turned in the following day.

Library Books

Students will be expected to bring a book to class with them as they may have time to read. We may also do occasional writing activities over our books.

Absences

When you are absent, it is **your responsibility** to visit with me about the work you missed, and to complete it in a timely manner.

Haskell University (HU)

Haskell University is available to all Junior High and High School students. It will begin the 4th week of school, and will be held Monday-Thursday from 3:45-7:45 in the High School Library. HU is a place for students to work on homework with the aid of 2 certified teachers. Occasionally, teachers will assign HU to a student to make up or correct work. In such cases, students will be given the opportunity to notify parents that they need to stay.

Grades

6 weeks grade will be weighted as follows:

*Test 30%

*Daily Work 50%

*Quizzes 20%

***NOTE: STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CORRECT DAILY ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, AND TEST FOR A 70 IF THE GRADE IS BETWEEN 50-69. GRADES BELOW 50 WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETELY REDONE/RETAKE. TEST UNDER A 70 MUST BE RETAKEN AT HU, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETAKE A TEST OTHERWISE.**

I am looking forward to a great year and am available to discuss any concerns with you during my conference period which is from to daily. Please call Mrs. New and she will let me know to call you back to set up a date.