Ms. Krista Dukes
8TH GRADE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS

Welcome to 8th Grade ELA!

The curriculum of 8th Grade English-Language Arts focuses on the theme of *challenges*. Our units of study require skills in reading both fiction and non-fiction texts, writing, grammar, speaking, and listening.
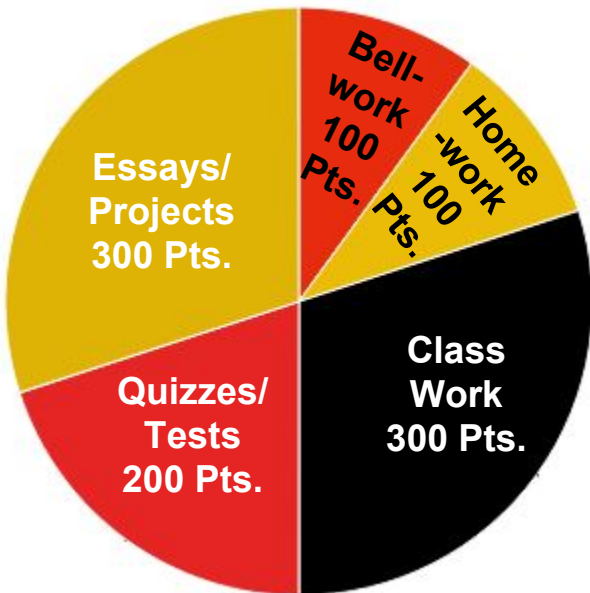
Liberty Middle's mission is to "prepare all students to become college and career ready." Language Arts supports this mission by preparing students to think critically, communicate, and create in our digital society. We will be using Google Classroom and Google Drive daily this year as part of our technology integration.

I look forward to an exciting academic year!
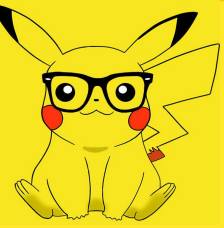Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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GRADING SCALE

- Essays/Projects 300 Pts.
- Bell-work 100 Pts.
- Home-work 100 Pts.
- Class Work 300 Pts.
- Quizzes/Tests 200 Pts.

Supplies
1. Fully Charged Chromebook
2. Charger
3. Earbuds or Headphones
4. Pencils/Pens
5. Folder
6. Lined filler paper
7. College Ruled Spiral Notebook

RULES

☑ # Be punctual!
(Be on Time)

☑ # Be Prepared!

☑ # Be Polite!

WE WILL BE USING OUR CHROMEBOOKS DAILY!

LINKS AND PROGRAMS

Google Drive
Student "backpack" of digital folders and assignments.

classroom.google.com
Replacing Edmodo to send out class messages and assignments.

www.remind.com
A free, safe, easy-to-use communication tool.

www.msdukes.weebly.com
Our class' website where students and parents can find the calendar of classwork and website tutorials.

www.liberty.ocps.net
Liberty's Website

www.readingplus.com
Liberty's Reading Program and Curriculum

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HOME   SYLLABUS   CALENDAR OF ASSIGNMENTS   STUDENT WORK GALLERY

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.
- Benjamin Franklin

Class Calendar

CLASS WEBSITE:
msdukes.weebly.com

Stay up-to-date on our class by checking out this website!

At Liberty Middle, Google Classroom is replacing our former digital classroom, Edmodo.

Similar to Edmodo, Google Classroom will be used for teachers to notify their students, send out digital assignments and even quizzes.

How to Utilize Google Classroom as a STUDENT:

8+ Sign Up with Google

1. **Go to classroom.google.com and click "Get Classroom"**
2. **Enter your OCPS Google Account information or click "Sign up with Google"**
3. **On the Homepage, click the + button and then type in your teacher's class code to join the class**
4. **Each teacher's classroom will have the tabs "Stream", "Classmates", and "About"**
5. **Remember to read all posts on the stream, check the calendar for upcoming due dates, submit your work on time, ask questions, and be successful!**

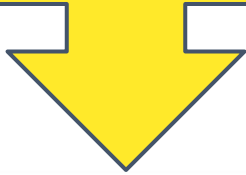|	
Stream	- Where teachers post messages, assignments, and links to quizzes - Where students can see which assignments are completed and when uncompleted assignments are due
Classmates	- Shows all the students in the class
About	- Teacher posts information relevant to the class, such as the syllabus - Includes teacher contact information. - Has class calendar with upcoming due dates and assignments

Classroom
Student View

Need more help? Watch the video by pressing play or following this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVJHM5V7I2M

Signing up for Remind Updates and Text Messages

Remind is a free, safe, easy-to-use communication tool that helps teachers connect instantly with students and parents.

Connect Safely

Phone numbers are always kept private, so information is safe and secure. Teachers, students, and parents have easy access to their message history, and can also use our reporting tools to flag conversations.
For more information check out:

https://www.remind.com/learn-more

Just text the code **dukesela** followed by your class period to the # **81010**

EXAMPLE:

TO: 81010

@dukesela7

Send

If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/dukesela7

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

Remember, this number corresponds with your or your child's class period!

rmd.at/dukesela7

Join DukesELA7

Full Name

First and Last Name

Phone Number or Email Address

(555) 555-5555