

8th Grade Language Arts

Course Objectives:

Students will use a variety of strategies to expand skills in:

- a. vocabulary
- b. reading comprehension
- c. composition
- d. speaking, viewing, listening
- e. grammar
- f. media literacy

Content Outcomes:

Three Required Readings:

- a. "Diary of Anne Frank" Play by Goodrich and Hackett
- b. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- c. Call of the Wild by Jack London

Other Readings:

- d. Selections from the anthology Cross-Roads by Scott Foresman
- e. Selections from the Prentice Hall Silver Level Literature Book
- f. As time allows teachers choose from the following : Touching Spirit Bear, Night, Memory Boy, and The Pearl
- g. Quarterly independent reading requirement

Required Writings:

- a. Narrative essay
- b. Persuasive essay
- c. Demonstrative Speech
- d. Response to literature
- e. Journaling

Grading Policy:

Grade based on class participation, daily assignments, writing projects, independent reading, and tests.