

Class syllabus

Ms. De La Garza's

Language Arts class

Welcome!

... to everything Language Arts! Get ready for a challenging but awesome year. I am so excited to get to know you and to help you grow as a reader, writer, editor, and presenter.

Bring to Class::

- AR reading book (at all times!)
- Pencil & red pen
- Rdg Log folder
- Vocab book

Reading.

-Independent Reading-

You are required to read at least 20 minutes per day. Choose AR books that are in your ZPD level as determined by STAR reading tests given periodically throughout the year.

-Reading Logs-

Weekly reading logs will be completed on a form provided by Ms. De La Garza that will be kept in a braded folder. Please refer to the reading log grading checklist for the requirements. This reading log will be graded weekly.

-Book Projects-

Once you have finished reading a book and passed the AR test, you will choose from three options and create a project to present to your class.

ACCELERATED READING
Students are required and encouraged to participate in the AR program. By reading on-level texts and taking AR tests, students will show their ability to comprehend what they are reading.

<- AR Participation grade ->

For each quarter, students must pass at least one AR test with an 80% or better to earn a 100 for participation.

<- Book Project test ->

Also for each quarter, an AR test must be taken on the book chosen for the project by the due date.

Grammar & Writing:

DLR/Giggles- Lessons are given daily on how to correct grammatical mistakes in sentences. Entries will be written in a spiral and are to be kept in the classroom cubby.

Mini lessons- This composition notebook will be filled with memorable lessons about reading and writing techniques.

Essays- Several writing assignments will be completed throughout the year including, but not limited to:

- * Narratives
- * Opinion pieces
- * Informative/Explanatory
- * Poetry

Your Binder:

Your LA binder will stay in the classroom in your cubby throughout the year. As papers are handed back to you, you will file them in the appropriate divider.

- Unfinished Writing- essays that are still a work-in-progress.
- Grammar- anything DLR/Giggles related, any extra worksheets.
- Reading- any assignments from our Literature books or extension activities for class novels.
- Reading Logs- graded reading logs will be filed here at the end of the quarter.
- Just Write!- All Just Write! Prompts will be kept here.
- Finished Work- essays that have been graded.

At the end of the year, we will go through your binder to put together a portfolio of all your accomplishments.

Grading Policy:

There are two categories:
 daily grades (40%) & test grades (60%)

Daily grades are made up of things like reading logs, DLR/Giggles, worksheets, class activities & participation, effort.

Test grades include book projects, AR participation, DLR/Giggles tests & exams, Poetry month, essays, writing projects.

Contact Ms. DLG

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Please understand that I only check & respond to emails during normal school hours. Thank you!