

# Language Arts Class

7th Grade Edition, 2021-2022

## Hello!

...and welcome to an exciting new school year here at Viking Middle School! I am Mrs. Horne, and I will be your LA teacher throughout the 2021-2022 school year. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and passing along my love of reading.

## A successful student will bring to class daily:

- Charged iPad
- Literature folder
- Writing notebook
- Writing utensil
- Headphones/earbuds

## Books We Will Read

You are NOT required to buy ANY books this year. I will provide you with digital and hard copies of class books and short stories.

Here are a few novels we plan to read:

- *Scorpions* (Myers)
- *Long Way Down* (Reynolds)
- *I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition* (Yousafzai)
- *The Giver* (Lowry) - If time allows

## Classroom Rules

1. **Be respectful** of the teacher and your classmates. Conduct yourself so that Mrs. Horne can teach and that all students in the class can learn.
2. **Follow instructions** the first time they are given – by any adult.
3. **Complete your own work.** [See “Academic Honesty”]
4. **Be on time.** That means be prepared, in your seat, and working when the bell rings.
5. **Participate!** Please raise your hand and wait to be called on when you wish to contribute.
6. **Plan ahead.** Doing things last minute makes for hasty work. Keep due dates in mind.
7. **Ask for help!**
8. **Make positive choices!**

## Consequences if You Choose to Break a Rule

- Verbal warning
- If the behavior continues:
  - you will join me for a portion of lunch/recess.
  - an office referral will be written along with parent/guardian contact.

## Writing

You will be writing several papers in this class throughout the year. No need to stress, though! Mrs. Horne will be helping you every step of the way.

## Homework Planner/Agenda

In this planner you will be responsible for writing down your homework assignment every day. Mrs. Horne will be making sure you are completing this every day. It is important to stay planned and organized!

## 10 WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER READER:

1. READ
2. Read
3. Read
4. Read
5. READ
6. Read
7. read
8. Read
9. Read
10. Read

## IMPORTANT Information

**Homework** will be something you have every night whether it be something you were assigned that day or your weekly vocabulary packet.

**Always, always remember to ask for help when you need it.**

You will find that help will always be given at Hogwarts to those who ask for it.

– Dumbledore

### Absence Policy

In case of absence:

- Ask me ASAP what was missed, and I will provide any assignments from that day(s).
- Turn in any assignments that were due on the day(s) you were absent.

### Academic Honesty

Cheating or turning in the work of other students/people is considered unacceptable behavior in my classroom. Cheating and dishonesty on assignments includes:

- Copying or asking for answers.
- Asking someone how to answer a problem or questions during a test or quiz.
- Plagiarism through the use of the Internet, books, cheat notes, or other technologies is considered cheating.
- Using any type of technology (cell phone, iPad, etc.) to text answers/get answers during a test or quiz.



### Contact Mrs. Horne

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### Homework Policy

- **Due dates for assignments should be met on time.** If you know you will not be in class on an assignment due date (vacations, doctor appointment, etc.), you are expected to turn in the work either:
  - ◆ Before leaving, or
  - ◆ Day you return
- Late work will be an automatic 1 until the work is turned in.
  - ◆ All late work will only be eligible for partial credit.

Communication is **KEY**  
to your success in this class!

### Revision Policy

If you earn less than 60% or a 3 on a quiz, test, or paper, you **MUST** make corrections to your quiz or test.

- Corrections must be completed on the day assigned by Mrs. Horne. All corrections will require a "Request to Retake" form along with a parent signature.
- Rewrites must be completed within 5 school days the paper was returned to you.
- Both copies (original and redone) of the quiz/test/paper must be turned in together.

**Please sign and return  
NEXT PAGE to class by:  
Friday, September 3rd**

### Grading Scale--Standards Based Grading

1 	With assistance, I do not demonstrate understanding of the standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I left the problem blank.</li> <li>• I do not understand.</li> <li>• I need lots of help.</li> </ul>
2 	With assistance, I demonstrate partial knowledge of the standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have some understanding.</li> <li>• I'm still confused.</li> <li>• I need extra practice.</li> </ul>
3 	Independently, I demonstrate a developing understanding of the standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have a general understanding.</li> <li>• I'm almost there.</li> <li>• I still have a few questions.</li> </ul>
4 	Independently, I demonstrate mastery of the standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand the standard very well.</li> <li>• I made barely any mistakes.</li> </ul>
5 	I demonstrate mastery above and beyond the standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I represented and applied the standard in a creative manner.</li> <li>• I'm using the skill outside of the literature classroom.</li> <li>• I made a connection with this standard to another standard.</li> </ul>

I HAVE READ AND REVIEWED THE RULES AND POLICIES IN MRS. HORNE'S CLASS WITH MY CHILD.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT SIGNATURE) (DATE)

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) (DATE)

ATTENTION PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:

\*PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER(S) WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED DURING THE DAY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED (IF POSSIBLE):

\_\_\_\_\_

\*BEST TIME OF DAY TO REACH YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

\*DO YOU PREFER TO BE REACHED VIA E-MAIL OR PHONE? CIRCLE ONE.

E-MAIL      OR      PHONE