

Reading is  
to the mind  
what exercise  
is to the body.

Sir Richard Steele

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#### Needed Materials

- Three-ring binder

## What to Expect

#### Grades are based on...

- Writing assignments
- Book report presentations
- Class Projects
- Tests and Quizzes
- Oral Reports
- Homework
- Class Participation

During this course, you will complete novel studies (*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee), and read short stories, non-fiction pieces, poetry, and plays. You will also complete lessons in grammar, usage, and vocabulary.

These lessons will be applied to various writing assignments that focus on the different styles of writing. The PSSA text-dependent analysis and writing rubrics will be utilized in an effort to prepare for the PSSA English Language Arts testing in the spring. You will be required to complete indi-

vidual and group projects. Your spelling and vocabulary words will be taken from the various stories read in class or from common Greek and Latin root words. There will be an emphasis on understanding roots, prefixes, and suffixes to help you become a better reader and writer.



#### Homework Policy

All homework assignments are given a point value. Assignments handed in late will receive only partial credit.

## Something Extra

“If you want to be a writer, you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot.”

— [Stephen King](#)

You will start each marking period with five bonus points. In order to keep these points, you need to abide by a few rules. First, you must come to class prepared (i.e., pencils, worksheets,

etc.). A point will be taken each time you need to borrow or get a second copy of an item from Ms. Schadel. Points will also be lost for asking to use the restroom during *instructional* time.