

2016-2017

LANGUAGE ARTS & C3



WELCOME TO 8TH GRADE

CHECK THE SUPPLY LIST ON THE BACK

2011 TRIP TO THE CAPITOL

The 8th grade year is full of excitement and endless learning opportunities. It is a pleasure to have your student in our class for this year of transition and development.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AT OPEN HOUSE

Who Am I?



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Mrs. Jennifer Simpson has 19 years experience with Pinckney and lives in the Dexter community with her family. I have a daughter in 9th grade and a son in 7th grade.

INFO

Students in Mrs. Simpson's class will use technology and active learning to cover the Common Core State Standards.

Eighth grade language arts is a survey course designed to expose students to literature, vocabulary, writing, and oral communications. This year, students will utilize Reading Apprenticeship strategies & be exposed to the Common Core State Standards.

Attendance

•8th grade curriculum & Common Core increases the rigor and requirements for student learning. This happens best when students are in school. Being in school increases achievement and retention of information. If a student has absences, prearranged or unexpected, our websites and agenda will help students make up their work within the district guidelines for absent work.



8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

for Success

8th Grade Portfolio



8th grade students create portfolios that take an in-depth look at their lives. This masterpiece will be created through several classes with an emphasis on writing in their language arts classes. Projects/ assignments from the **entire year** will be used to create this project. Be on the look out for a packet coming home in the fall with more information.



Washington DC & Philadelphia

8th grade students have the option to attend the Washington DC trip on May 3 - 7.

Dates & times for the Parent Informational Meeting will be sent home via MiStar emails.

Email Ms. Scott-Sandula for more information or visit the DC website at www.pathfinderdctrip.weebly.com



Family Research

Students will research their family history complete with ancestors and important events in their social studies class. Please be ready to help your student manage this task.

Letters will be composed and mailed in the fall to help facilitate this activity.

Citizenship Marks

Students are expected to come to class each day prepared to learn and participate. This includes writing utensils, textbooks, binders, laptops and **completed homework**. Unprepared students are not able learn or participate completely. Showing up to learn is rewarded with Citizenship reward parties, 8th grade trips, end of year picnics, field trips, and classroom reward days.



Community Service

All 8th grade students are required to complete 5 hours of Community Service that will be due in April in their language arts class. There will opportunities through the year for students to earn some hours through service projects within and outside the school day. Watch MiStar announcements for more information.



Communication

MiStar

Students and parents are encouraged to check their grades through the grading program. I use the grading program as the main way of communication. Both grades and agendas are updated by Fridays.

Classroom Agendas

Each week students will receive an agenda that gives the weekly classwork, homework and assignment guidelines. They are also available on the teacher websites.



Student Supplies

Binder System

Each student will need 1 1-inch binder and 5 tabbed dividers for ELA.

For C3-- folder

Classroom Supplies

We ask students to choose TWO of the three choices below to contribute:

- 2-3 boxes of tissue
- 2 containers cleaning wipes
- 3-5 packs of index cards
- 3 packs of red pens
- 2-3 rolls of paper towels

Supplies due September 12

Mastery Learning

Mastery learning will be practiced using summative & formative assessments in our rooms. Students will be encouraged to prove mastery of the learning targets by completing assignments for their learning. Summative assessments could be tests, quizzes, writing assessments or