

ENGLISH 8th (Mrs. Braniff)

Goal: To be able to use the thought process to write effectively while using the proper rules of grammar.

Objective: To learn the proper rules of grammar and different literary techniques used in writing.

Major assignments and expectations:

Children's book

Speeches

Research paper

Portfolio

Spelling definition notebook

All written work is considered a test grade

LITERATURE 8th (Mrs. Braniff)

This year students will be exploring literature through reading. The goal is to help students become real, lifetime readers with these expectations:

to learn how to choose books

to read new books

to learn when and how to abandon books

to learn new words and meanings

to discover authors and books they love

to learn what good readers do

to become more proficient and fluent in their reading

to learn to read deliberately, with better understanding and insight

to have vicarious experiences

to read often.

HOMEWORK:

Five nights a week students are assigned thirty minutes of reading homework to be done AT HOME. While it is great that they may read during free time at school, thirty minutes should be set aside for literature homework (reading) five nights a week. Please help them meet that requirement and see that they are doing it in a quiet place free from outside distractions. Reading each night is one of the most important factors they can do to help them be successful in school and in life after school.

BOOKS:

Students will be involved in choosing their own books this year. Please take your child to new and used bookstores and to the public library. But most importantly, please discuss his/her reading with him/her. As students begin to explore new books, they are certainly going to read about all sorts of life experiences. I have not read every book that they will find. I hope that you will be involved in helping your child choose his/her books.

