

# Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts

## Course Books:

Voyages in English/ Exercises in English

Vocabulary Workshop

McDougal Littell Literature

## Contemporary and Classic Novels

**This course takes an integrated approach to Language Arts. The goals for the year are as follows:**

- Improving written and spoken communication
- Developing the ability to critically analyze literature
- Building vocabulary
- Reading fluently
- Conducting research
- Reinforcing grammar skills

### **Assessments will be based on the following:**

- Writing assignments including a research paper
- Vocabulary tests
- Literature tests
- Grammar tests
- Oral presentations
- Small group projects/discussions
- Accelerated Reader

### **Students must be prepared for class with:**

- Complete and accurate homework
- Appropriate books and supplies

We are looking forward to a great year with your children. Please feel free to contact us at any time. [www.ihmteachers.org](http://www.ihmteachers.org)

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