

Welcome to 7th Grade Language Arts

Course books:

Literature: Reading with Purpose

Voyages in English

Exercises in English

Vocabulary Workshop

This course takes an integrated approach to Language Arts. The goals for the year include improving written and spoken communication, as well as developing the ability to critically analyze literature. We will work on building vocabulary, reading fluently, writing both expository and creative pieces, conducting research, and reinforcing grammar skills.

Assessment will be ongoing and will be both formal and informal. Homework may be assessed for completion. Writing assignments may be assessed for content and mechanics, and will be open to re-writes. Vocabulary tests will include knowledge of definitions and application. Literature tests will include story comprehension, literature notes, and story vocabulary. Grammar tests will involve application of covered skills. Accelerated Reader will continue throughout the school year.

It is expected at this level that the students will be responsible participants in their education. Being prepared for class, including having thoughtfully completed all reading assignments, is mandatory. Students should be able to participate in group discussions and support their positions with evidence from the text. Critical thinking skills will be developed as we look for important messages and themes in the literature we read together.

Interpersonal skills and public speaking confidence are important, and developing these skills will help the students as they prepare for high school and beyond. As such, small group work and presentations will be a part of this course.

We are looking forward to a great year with your children. Please contact us whenever you feel it is necessary. www.ihmteachers.org

Thank you!

Mrs. King, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Zoppo

