

## 8<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Honors Language Arts Miss Crossley, Room 507

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### Some things to know about my classes this year:

- We will be creating interactive notebooks. At the end of the year, these notebooks will be helpful reference books for future language arts classes and hopefully for writing or reading questions.
- We will be receiving a class set of Chromebooks this year. We don't have them yet, but when we get them, we will be utilizing GoogleClassroom in addition to our class website.
- As a school and district, we are transitioning to Standards-Based grading. This means we will have a greater focus on mastery of the standards in our classes, but we will still have traditional letter grades.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

We are working on the reading, writing, speaking, and listening standards for our LA objectives. We have created four quarter-long novel units for the year to improve our critical thinking skills. We won't read every word because we'll be incorporating writing, related texts, and other media into our study of each novel. We will also have a weekly homework writing assignment – maximum of one page handwritten – for students to practice their skills in real-life contexts. It's going to be a great year!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:

We are working on the reading, writing, speaking, and listening standards for our LA objectives. We will be following the rough outline of the regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, but we will be adding rigor with a personal Honors project each quarter. These projects are individualized and personal; my hope is that these projects will not be simply 'homework' but opportunities to use our language arts skills while doing something students would already be doing. More information will be provided when we begin our projects. It's going to be a great year!

### Supplies:

All classes will need a college-ruled composition notebook and writing utensils for class. Optional helpful supplies include: extra notebook paper in a separate folder, own colored pencils, and glue sticks. These items will also be provided in class, but in limited quantities.