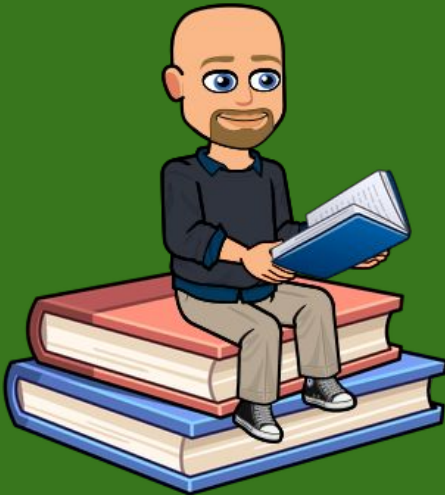


# Welcome to Language Arts!!

I am very excited to get to know all of you and am eager to work with you through this school year.



Please read the information below and email with any questions or concerns you may have.



**Mr. Longbrake**

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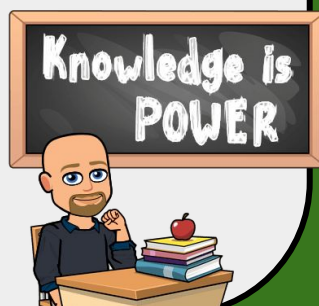
## Course Overview

Throughout this course we will learn a variety of concepts and skills including :

- ★ Developing writing skills
- ★ In text citations and bibliography
- ★ Writing Papers in MLA format
- ★ Reading comprehension and Close reading
- ★ Familiarity with literary styles
- ★ Spelling comprehension

In order to master the skills above I will be using a variety of teaching strategies including...

- ★ In-class lecture and note taking
- ★ Hands-on activities and experimentation
- ★ Journal writing
- ★ Group learning
- ★ Solo in class assignments
- ★ Media presentations
- ★ Internet activities
- ★ Slideshow presentation
- ★ Projects
- ★ Oral presentations



## Book List

1. The Secret Garden
  - by Frances Hodgson
2. The Call of the Wild
  - By Jack London
3. A Wrinkle in Time
  - By Madeleine L'Engle
4. The Sword and the Circle
  - By Rosemary Sutcliff
5. Around the World in 80 Days
  - By Jules Verne

## Supply List

- ★ Pencil
- ★ 2 Composition Notebooks
- ★ Highlighter
- ★ Red Pen
- ★ Planner
- ★ Book list

# Classroom Etiquette

## Academic Honesty

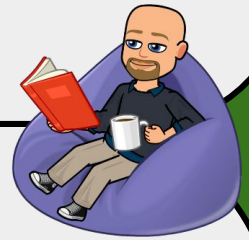
Academic dishonesty of any kind will result in a zero for the assignment. This means plagiarism, cheating, or passing off another student's work as your own.

This does not mean asking for and receiving help from myself, a tutor or fellow classmates. These behaviors are encouraged.



Classroom rules are short and to the point. I do not wish to restrict student creativity or classroom discussion.

1. **Respect:** Everyone should be respectful to each other at all times even in disagreement. - Romans 13.
2. **Be kind:** A little kindness goes a long way. The class functions best when we are able to discuss and explore material in an environment of kindness and trust. "Encourage one another and build each other up" -1 Thes. 5:11, 1 Corinthians 16:14
3. **Have a Good Attitude:** "do everything without grumbling or arguing" - Phillipians 2:14. I will always do my best as a teacher to make class engaging and interesting however sometimes I may fail. It is important to remain steadfast and disciplined even when doing things that we do not like.
4. **Merit/ Demerit System:** please refer to St. Pius X Handbook.



# Grading

Assignments will fall into one of three categories -- **Tests/Essays/Projects(40%), Quizzes(30%), or Classwork/Homework(30%).**

Assignments will be focused around standards and skills in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Speaking & Listening. Grades will be issued on the following scale:

## Grading Scale

A- 100-90%

B- 89-80%

C- 79-70%

D- 69-65%

F- 64- Below%

**Habits of Work:** Students Classwork grading will reflect their effort as well as their work.

**Extra Help:** Anyone who needs extra help is encouraged to see me during grace period at the end of the day.

