Name Section Date

**8th Grade**

**Language Arts Expectations**

**Mrs. Counts**

Welcome to Mrs. Counts’ class! You will be embarking on a wonderful, exciting, and challenging experience. This experience will enable you to excel and successfully confront any challenges that may come your way. Below I have outlined my grading scale, rules, and materials you will need in order to succeed.

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| **Reading and Writing** |
| Homework 10%Quizzes                                                               20%Test/Writing Projects 30%Classwork                                                       40%  |

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(Daily class participation is a must!)

**Materials:**

In a 3 ring binder, keep **all** papers, quizzes, and test given.

Have a supply of sharpened pencils or pens **(DARK BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY, no red or fluorescent colors).**

**Start of Class:**

Enter the classroom READY TO WORK!

Immediately clear your desk of binders and books from your previous class.

Use an **ALREADY** sharpened pencil or pen and begin the warm up activity.

If the assignment is completed before the allotted time, sit quietly and respect your classmates as they complete the assignment.

(No student will be allowed to leave the classroom once they have entered.)

**End of Class:**

DO NOT begin packing up your items BEFORE I have ended the day’s lesson. I will inform you when it is time to move on to your next class.

**Homework:**

Homework will be assigned every day.

Your full **NAME (first AND last name), SECTION, AND DATE** are required for all assignments in Language Arts, including homework.

All homework assignments will be posted at

[www.*mrscountslaclass*.weebly.com](http://www.mrscountslaclass.weebly.com)

**Tests:**

Tests will always be announced well in advance.

If you are absent the day before a test, you will be required to take the test on the test day.

If you are absent the day of the test, you will be required to take the test the day you return.

**Quizzes:**

Follow the same procedure as a test.

Some quizzes may be unannounced.

**Writing Projects/Presentations\*:**

You will be required to complete **various writing projects**. Each writing project will be accompanied by a guideline sheet. **YOU MUST REVIEW AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR EACH WRITING PROJECT!**

Projects weigh heavily towards your grade. Failure to complete a project will be counted as a zero, and it will adversely affect your grade.

**\*The majority of your projects will be presented before your classmates.**

**Bathroom Procedure:**

With the amount of work/and the importance of work introduced, bathroom visits will be monitored/noted to ensure you are not missing too much class time. (The 10/10 rule applies). In extenuating circumstances, the nurse will be notified to review your file.

**Classroom Cleanliness:**

**A CLEAN CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT IS PARAMOUNT!** Therefore, please look on the floor around you and discard any items, even if it is not yours. In addition, the classroom desk are not art tables. **DO NOT WRITE OR DRAW ON THE DESK!**

**Responsibilities:**

Complete all of your work.

Try your best at all times.

Follow the school and class rules.

**HAND IN MISSED ASSIGNMENTS WHEN ABSENT, AND GET ANY WORK NEEDED IF YOU HAVE MISSED CLASS.**

Stay in your seat and always raise your hand.

**Extra Help:**

Please come to see me if you are having trouble in this class. If needed, we can schedule a time after school for you to receive extra help. You can always email me at countsc@norwalkps.org if you have any questions.

**Remember: Always exceed expectations!**

**PARENT’S PLEASE SIGN BELOW:**

**I have reviewed the above expectations for Language Arts**

**Parent/Guardian’s Signature**