**8th Grade Language Arts**

**Mrs. Ziegler**

**Room 812**

**Website:** [**http://fortheloveofreading8.weebly.com**](http://fortheloveofreading8.weebly.com)

**Google Classroom Codes**

Core 1: 72u09t

Core 2: 9nobfi

Core 3: ysf58ku

Core 4: o0c4hc

* **The class website is where you will find materials such as notes, handouts, calendars, etc.**
* **Google classroom is where you will answer weekly/biweekly refelctions and type papers.**

Supplies:

**2 1-subject college ruled notebooks**

**Class rules:**

* As 8th graders, my expectations are for you to take on more responsibilities throughout the year. This includes:
  + Turning in homework completed and on time
  + Being prepared for class with pencils, notebooks, and any other materials on your desk BEFORE class begins
  + Sharpening your pencils/borrowing pencils BEFORE class begins
* **I also expect each one of you to have respect for your classmates, myself, and the room. I fully understand that there will be disagreements along the way but remember, I am here to talk. If you are feeling stressed or having an issue, ask to speak to me before class so we can find a solution together (even if the issue is with me!)**

**Expectations:**

* **Interactive Notebooks:** This year each student will be responsible for keeping an interactive notebook. Everything we do in class will be kept in this notebook including:
  + Bell ringers
  + Handouts
  + Guided Notes
  + Free writes
  + Notes, etc
* Each page should be:
  + Numbered
  + In order
  + Dated
  + Taped/glued/stapled into your notebooks
* I will have a table of contents displayed as well as a master notebook should you miss a page.
* Again, **an absence does not excuse you from having a page in your notebook!**
* **Bell ringers:** Each day you will have a bell ringer. These will be recorded in your interactive notebook.
  + **ONE PAGE = ONE WEEK OF BELL RINGERS.**
  + **An absence doesn’t excuse you from missing a bell ringer.**
  + If absent, check the bell ringer calendar on my website to complete the ones from the days you missed.
  + Bell ringers will be checked **EVERY FRIDAY during your SSR time.**
* **Sustained Silent Reading (SSR):** Each Friday you will have ten minutes at the beginning of the class for SSR.
  + **During this time you are reading silently to yourself. (This is not time for working on homework, bell ringers, talking, etc)**
  + In addition to SSR on Fridays, you will be expected to read a minimum of 20 minutes every night.
  + During SSR Fridays, I will check your reading progress
  + **You don’t need to record how long you read or have parent signatures but you must be reading.**
  + Mid semester and end of semester, I will do a reading check for a grade.
  + **It is an expectation that you have a library book with you each day in class in case you get SSR time.**
  + We will be doing library rotation every two weeks. You may check out books there or from the classroom library.
  + If you check out a book from the classroom library, you must ask me first and then sign the book out.
* **Absence:** When you are absent, it is your responsibility to check my website for bell ringers and Google Classroom for any possible updates.
  + On the day you return, you are responsible for going to the absent folders hanging on the wall and checking for materials you may have missed.
  + Each day will have a cover page **(that is to be kept in the folder)** explaining what you missed and any homework, due dates, etc.
  + If you missed a handout, they will be included in the folder.
  + Any notes you missed will be on my website or you can copy them from a friend.
* **Do not ask me about what you missed until you have checked the absent folders.**

**Grading/late work policy:**

* Unless absent, homework, projects, papers, etc are expected to be turned in on time.
* **10 points will be deducted for each day an assignment is late**