

## **Eighth Grade English**

Eighth Grade Language Arts is a year-long course. Students will be required to complete English, writing, and spelling assignments; together these grades will determine the student's overall "English grade". Students will learn and practice many grammar skills. The following areas will be covered: nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, interjections, complex sentences, and verbals. Mechanics (punctuation) and vocabulary building are covered daily. Students will practice all grammar skills through writing assignments. Spelling assignments and tests are used to develop a student's vocabulary.

In addition, the use of language arts in "the real world" will be discussed through a variety of different units. Students will complete units on figurative language, and public speaking.. Students will be encouraged to explore language arts as a whole. Via our interactive course and a video course

### **Yearly**

#### **Weekly Spelling Assignments, including interdisciplinary units**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.2c. L.8.4a-d. L.8.5b. L.8.6.

#### **Daily Oral Language Assignments**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1a-d. L.8.2a-c. L.8.3.

### **First Semester:**

#### **Unit 1: The Complete Sentence**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1. L.8.2. L.8.3.

#### **Unit 2: The Argument Prompt (Taught concurrently with a review noun unit)**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.2. L.8.3., W.8.1a-e. SL. 8.1. SL.8.2. SL.8.3. W.8.4. W.8.5. W.8.6. W.8.7. W.8.8. W.8.9a-b W.8.10.

#### **Unit 3: Verbs**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.1b L.8.1c L.8.1d L.8. 2 L.8.3a

#### **Unit 5: Verbals**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.1a L.8.2. L.8.2a L.8.3

#### **Unit 6: Extended Response Essay**

*Core Standards Addressed:* W.8.3a-3. W.8.4. W.8.5. W.8.6. W.8.7. W.8.8. W.8.9a-b. W.8.10.

#### **Unit 7: Pronouns (Taught Concurrently with the Extended Response Essay)**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.2. L.8.3.

### **Second Semester:**

#### **Unit 7: The Expository Research Essay**

*Core Standards Addressed:* W.8.3a-3. W.8.4. W.8.5. W.8.6. W.8.7. W.8.8. W.8.9a-b. W.8.10.

#### **Unit 8: Adjectives and Adverbs**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.2. L.8.3.

**Unit 9: Figurative Language**

*Core Standards Addressed:* W.8.2a-f. W.8.4. W.8.5. W.8.6. W.8.7. W.8.8. W.8.9a-b W.8.10.

**Unit 10: Prepositions, Interjections, and Conjunctions**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3.

**Unit 11: Clauses**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L.8.1 L.8.1a. L.8.2. L.8.2a. L.8.3.

**Unit 12: Speech/Final Presentation (If Time Allows)**

*Core Standards Addressed:* SL.8.1a-d. SL.8.2. SL.8.3. SL.8.4. SL.8.5. SL.8.6.

**Unit 13: Capitalization/Punctuation Unit (Taught Concurrently with Speech Unit)**

*Core Standards Addressed:* L. 8.1-3

**Textbooks referenced but are not distributed:**

**Language Arts Today** Macmillan/McGraw-Hill 1993