

English Language Arts Disclosure Addendum 2020-2021

We will follow the school wide disclosure contract that is handed out in your first period class. Here is a little bit of information that we are required to notify you about in advance:

Supplies:

Please bring your own individual set of coloring tools (crayons, markers, colored pencils, your choice) to class for various activities.

Media

Part of our learning standards this year will include comparing, contrasting, and analyzing printed versions of literature alongside their movie counterparts as well as analyzing director's choices and narrative techniques. We may show either clips or the entire feature of:

7th grade: *Flowers for Algernon*, *The Princess Bride*, and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*.

8th grade: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*; *The Outsiders*

9th grade: *Romeo + Juliet*, *O Brother Where Art Thou*, *Anne With An 'E'* (from season one), *Anne of Green Gables*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *And Then There Were None* (BBC mini series), *The Hunger Games*, and *Catching Fire*.

If you wish to opt your student out of any/all movies, please notify your student's teacher via email during the first two weeks of school and we will be sure to accommodate your student with alternate assignments.

DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose [sic] is a charity that helps connect donors with teachers who need classroom supplies. After a project is funded, DonorsChoose requires thank you packages be sent to the individuals and organizations who gave money. This often includes group photographs of students using the donated materials.

If you would like to opt out of your student appearing in a thank you package photograph, please notify your student's teacher via email during the first two weeks of school and we will make sure to remove him/her from group photos.

Important Deadlines

Even though late penalties will not be applied to student's grades, there are deadlines each term for turning in missing assignments or redoing assignments. Students must have all work turned in by the following dates in order to ensure that we have time to grade everything prior to reporting finalized grades:

1st term cut-off: Wednesday, October 14

2nd term cut-off: Wednesday, January 13

3rd term cut-off: Tuesday, March 23

4th term cut-off: Friday, May 28

Grades

Your grades are calculated on Skyward. We will use the online learning platform Canvas this year. Canvas will show you individual grades for specific assignments--and may even average these grades together in some fashion. Please remember that the average posted on Canvas is *different from your actual grade* in Skyward. It will be especially important for you to remember to log in and check Skyward for your grades if and when we retreat from in person learning onto distance learning.

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