**Mrs. Kline’s Classroom**

Holy Name School

Language Arts 8 Syllabus and Classroom Rules

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**Expectations**

Students must bring their novel(s), notebook, homework, and a pencil to class each day. All students are expected to keep notes and materials (worksheets, in-class work, homework, journals) organized.

**Classroom Rules**

**Respect Others**

* This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 15:12*
* Be quiet and respectful when the teacher or a classmate is talking.
* Use respectful words and tone of voice when talking to anyone.
* Leave other people’s property alone.
* Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
* The use of profanity will not be tolerated.

**Be Prepared to Learn**

* Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. *Proverbs 22:6*
* Be in your seat and ready when class begins.
* Have appropriate materials.
* Have your homework completed.
* No electronic devices (phones, iPods, etc.)

**Follow Instructions**

* Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. *Philippians 2:14-15*
* Follow instructions the first time they are given.
* Raise your hand to ask questions if you do not understand instructions.

**Do Your Best**

* Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. *Colossians 3:23*
* Participate positively in class.
* Stay on task.
* Learn all you can.
* Do your own work.

**Classroom Procedures**

Restroom/water fountain: Please ask to go to the restroom or for a drink during work time, not during instructional time.

Start of class: Respond in your notebook to the daily writing prompt displayed on the front board. Objectives will be posted on the board daily so you understand what is planned for each class.

If you have a question/problem: Raise your hand and wait until the teacher can help you instead of talking aloud and disrupting class.

If you finish your work early: Sit quietly at your desk and work on other assignments for ELA or read a book.

When the teacher raises her hand: If you see the teacher raise her hand during group work or any time during class, this is your signal to stop what you are doing, stop talking, look at the teacher, and listen for instructions or teaching—PAY ATTENTION.

When you are absent: Check with a classmate to see if you missed anything else. If you need further explanation or handouts, see the teacher. If you are absent for an extended period of time, appropriate arrangements will be made for makeup work.

Methods of assessment: Assessment in this class will be in a variety of ways including: participation, in-class work, homework, quizzes/tests, and projects.

Accelerated Reader: Students will have an individual goal to be determined by the language arts teacher at the beginning of the year. Students who meet their individual goal each marking period will receive a reward/incentive. AR points will not be counted as a grade this year.

Homework Assignments and Late work: Students will begin with a 100% grade in homework completion. For each homework assignment not completed on time, 2 points will be taken off and the student will have one more day to complete the homework. If the homework is still incomplete on the second day, 3 additional points will be subtracted from the homework completion grade. Parents may check the comments on the Homework completion grade to note why their child has lost points. For every three assignments a student fails to complete, he/she will also lose 2 conduct points. Students will not be penalized for work that is late due to absences unless work is not submitted within a reasonable amount of time (approximately the number of days the student was absent).

Morning Language and Math Boards are included in your homework grade.

Long-term projects are not subject to the homework policy. Students will sign a statement when given project guidelines noting completing dates for any parts of the assignment. It is expected that the completed project will be turned in on the due date. For each day that the project is late, the grade will decrease by 5%.

One exception to this policy is Literature Circles. Literature circle reading assignments **must** be completed according to schedule. A brief quiz or written summary will be used to determine if the student completed the assigned work.