

# This Year in Pre-AP ILA

Integrated Language Arts with Mrs. Sharon McKemie

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**Welcome to ILA with Mrs. Mac!** Since you are getting closer to high school, I will be having very high expectations for you. I want to make sure you are prepared for what is yet to come! Please make sure that you familiarize yourself with all of the information on both sides of this paper. Although I will go over this in class, you will be expected to refer back to this whenever you forget what is expected.

## Classroom Expectations

- Bring a pencil, eraser, highlighters, glue stick, scissors, and colored pencils every day. In this class, we will only use pens to edit our writing. We will keep your Language Arts Notebook (LAN) and composition notebook **in the classroom**. Also make sure you have **plenty** of lined notebook paper. ***All materials must be replenished as needed.***
- Bring a book to class every, single day. This can be a novel, a book of short stories, poetry book, or non-fiction book.
- Keep your Language Arts Notebook (LAN) organized!!
- Take trips to the bathroom between classes. You will receive only four (4) hall passes each six weeks.

## Language Arts Notebook

You will set up your LAN with eight (8) sections, using tab dividers, in the following order:

1. WIP (Work in Progress)
2. Warm-ups
3. SB Vocab/Stems
4. Grammar
5. Writing Reference
6. Reading Reference
7. Graded Work
8. Lined Paper

You will be responsible for keeping this notebook organized well throughout the year. Expect notebook checks!

## Independent Reading

During the first nine weeks of school, you will select one of several school-provided novels to read. **You will be expected to read this novel outside of class.** We will connect what they have read in their novel to other texts being studied in class, as well as analyze these novels through journaling, short answer response, and literature circle discussions. **Please make sure you do not lose your independent reading novel or write in the book.** Any notes you may need to take should be done so on paper.

## Weekly Stems Quiz

We will be learning more than 100 Greek and Latin stems this year. Most every Friday, you will have a quiz over them. **Make sure to take home your study sheet on Wednesday or Thursday to study.**

## Composition Notebook

This notebook is where you will write your SSW (Silent Sustained Writing) pieces. This may include writing a play, novel, letters to someone, personal journal entries, poetry, etc.

## BYOD

You should bring your electronic device (cell phone, e-reader, iPod Touch, etc.) to class every day. We will not use them *every* day, but we do plan to use them often! **IMPORTANT:** You must always be on the school's wi-fi!

## Daily Class Agenda

- Warm Up / Grammar Lessons
- SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) or SSW (Silent Sustained Writing)
- Vocabulary Stems
- Springboard Lesson/Lit Circles

## Tutorials

Tutorials are available most every morning and afternoon, except on days when I have duty. My tutorial schedule will be posted outside of my classroom during the first week of school.

## Grades

Major Grades (50%) – tests, projects, essays, or other major writing assignments

Minor Grades (30%) – quizzes

Daily Grades (20%) - daily assignments

## Late Work for Pre-AP

There is a NO LATE WORK policy for Pre-AP students in 7th and 8th grade on Daily grade assignments. This means that you will receive a ZERO in the grade book, should you turn a daily assignment in late.

Papers and projects (MAJOR grades) turned in one day late will not receive a grade higher than 70%! An assignment turned in two days late can receive a grade no higher than 50%. If an assignment is three days late, a 0% will be earned. However, the assignment must still be completed.

## Heading Requirements

The heading always goes in the upper right-hand corner. Why? I can see your name easily, and it's not covered up by the staple.

**Example:**

Your full name  
Period #  
Date

## Hall Pass

You will receive four (4) hall passes each six weeks. You may use these to get a drink from the water fountain, use the restroom, or get something from your locker that you need for ILA class. You may bring your pass sheet up to me at any time, except for when I am directly instructing the class. I will initial and date one of your remaining slots. When you run out of slots, you are no longer able to leave the room during class. You will have to wait for the next six weeks to receive a new pass.

**Hall Pass**

Use on \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

This pass may be used to:

- Get a drink of water from the water fountain
- Go to the restroom
- Get something for class from your locker

Teacher's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Dated Used \_\_\_\_\_

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**1st Six Weeks**

## If you are absent...

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE UP WORK!**

If you were absent for ALL or PART of a class period, you need to check the ABSENT work folder for your class period (to the left of my white board) to see if there are any assignments for you. ALSO, check with me to make sure you have all of the assignments you missed!

NOTE: If you were aware of an assignment deadline before the absence occurred, the assignment or exam is due the day you return to school.

***Tutorial time is a great opportunity to come in and get clarification and instructions.***