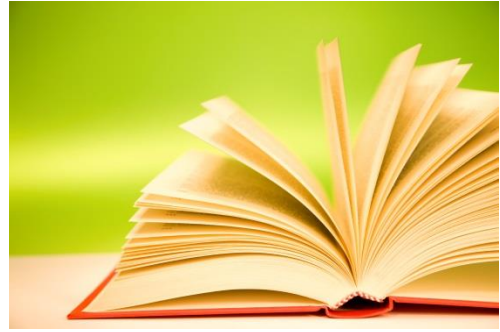


Welcome to Language Art Skills!

Room 220

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Course Description: Language Art Skills is designed to help students achieve their very best and to give them confidence that will help them enjoy reading and writing. My goal is to help students develop, maintain, and achieve their reading and writing goals.

Student Expectations:

- 1) Be respectful! This means you should always be kind to others, yourself, and materials in the classroom.
- 2) Be on time for class. Be in your seat before the bell rings.
- 3) Electronic devices are prohibited. Students, at specified times, may use electronic devices for academic purposes.
- 4) Always do your best and be open-minded to new ideas.

Coursework: Students will understand how to...

- Utilize context clues to define words in sentences/paragraphs.
- Use vocabulary to increase knowledge of topic.
- Apply pre-reading strategies to increase comprehension.
- Use strategies such as graphic organizers, charts and maps as comprehension tools.
- Evaluate prior knowledge before reading.
- Analyze individual learning styles and effective multisensory strategies.
- Recognize word clues to increase comprehension.
- Differentiate between fact and opinion.
- Draw conclusions; make inferences; and create generalizations.
- Identify main idea, supporting details.
- Use and identify literary devices.
- Utilize active reading strategies to increase comprehension.
- Increase critical reading skills to improve comprehension.
- Determine writer's style and technique.
- Identify authors' moves in writing.
- Read in specific content area for comprehension.
- Analyze for literal and inferential information.
- Organize material to improve retention and comprehension.

Supplies:

- Composition Notebook, 9 ¾ " x 7 ½ " Wide-Ruled, 100 Sheets. (No spiral notebooks!)
- Two-Pocket Folder
- Blue or Black ink pen

Grading:

Classroom Participation/Attendance.....	20 %
Do Now.....	10 %
Reading Activities.....	20 %
Writing activities.....	20 %
Interactive Notebook.....	30 %

Note to Parents/Guardians:

I am dedicated to the well-being of your child and I need your cooperation in helping him/her reach his/her potential. Please feel free to contact me at the school number (845) 486-4860 ext. 70612 or by email: bveeder@acsdny.org with any concerns regarding your child's academic success. If you call during school hours you will be directed to my voicemail; please leave a brief message and I will call you back as soon as possible.