

Honors Language Arts for Seventh & Eighth Graders 2017-2018

Thank you for your interest in Honors Language Arts at WMS. For the 2017-2018 school year, we are excited to offer a seventh grade Honors Language Arts class and an eighth grade Honors Language Arts class to meet the needs of those looking for more challenges. This class will afford students the opportunity to delve more deeply into the curriculum and to share an academic environment with educationally like-minded peers with the goal of meaningful learning.

Characteristics of an honors student:

- Regular attendance
- Cooperation with classmates and teachers
- Enthusiasm for learning
- Participation in class discussions and projects
- Pride in doing original and unique work
- Ability to think critically
- Commitment to doing challenging work
- Willingness to read substantial amounts of material
- Willingness to revise and improve writing

Placement into the Honors Language Arts class will be determined by the following criteria:

- Application
- Placement test score
- Blind writing sample score
- Teacher recommendation
- GPA and grades in Language Arts and Social Studies

To apply, complete an application and turn it into the office by Monday, May 8th. Eligible applicants will then be called out of class to complete a placement test (multiple choice and writing sample). Upon acceptance, students will be notified prior to the end of the school year.

Turn to Maria by 5/1/17

HONORS LANGUAGE ARTS APPLICATION

Name _____

Grade next year _____

Language Arts fall semester grade _____

Social Studies fall semester grade _____

In your own handwriting, please respond to the following questions. Your responses should fit in the space provided.

1. What are your strengths as a student? What are your biggest challenges in Language Arts, and how do you succeed in spite of them?

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2. What is the best book you've read in the last year? What did you like about it?

3. Whose idea was it for you to apply to the Honors Language Arts class? Why are you applying?

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Student ID # _____

Multiple Choice Score _____ Writing Score _____ Application _____

Teacher Recommendation _____ Grades _____ GPA _____