

8th Grade English

Dear Parent(s):

This year in addition to teaching religion to the 7th and 8th grades, I will also be teaching English to my 8th grade homeroom. The curriculum of 8th grade English focuses on grammar usage, the various parts of speech and the practice of written and oral communication skills.

Vocabulary is also a very important part of the English curriculum. Students will be expected to define and incorporate vocabulary words into their every day assignments.

Eighth grade composition will be using the Zaner-Bloser series to aid in the development of writing skills. These skills include developing thoughts in a logical manner, both for speaking and writing; writing narrative, informative, descriptive and persuasive paragraphs and essays; and writing for various purposes which will include composing an MLA-style research paper. In addition to assigned compositions, students will also engage in independent self-selected writing.

It is my goal is to have each student practice the English skills they have mastered in prior years as well as build upon those skills to make them a successful writer in their current and future years of education.

Please feel free to contact me in the event you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a year filled with learning and creativity with your child.

Sincerely,

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