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# English 8 Mr. Palmer

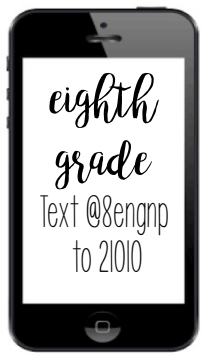
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## communication with the teacher

- 1 palmern@lisd.net
- 2 Remind App
- 3 (469) 713-5990 ext. 4959

Remind app  
alerts

Parents, sign up for class alerts for updates on homework, tests, quizzes, and other important due dates.



## class materials

- composition notebook
- highlighter
- pencil & blue/black pens
- loose-leaf paper



## expectations

- 1 Come prepared to class with your SSR book, writer's notebooks, writing utensils, & technology charged.
- 2 Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
- 3 Maintain a respectful and positive attitude towards the teacher and your classmates.
- 4 No food or drinks in class per school policy. Water is permitted.

## grades

60% Minor

40% Major

Daily Work  
Quizzes

Tests  
Projects  
Papers

Check Skyward weekly for grades

## Responsibility

Students are responsible for keeping up with all class work and class expectations. If you find yourself overwhelmed with an assignment, please talk to me.

Please keep all graded assignments. Do not throw them away until report cards have been received.

# twitter



@mr\_npalmer

Follow our class account for class information

@huffinesMS

Follow our school for all the latest and greatest Husky news.

# what we do

Our goal in English is to become better readers and writers. Throughout the year, some of the topics we will be covering are:

- Author's Purpose
- Reflection
- Poetry
- Literature Circles
- Research Writing
- Close Reading Strategies
- Persuasive Writing
- Group Collaboration



## tutoring schedule

Monday @ 4:15PM  
Wed/Friday @ 8:15AM

Tutoring may be by appointment as well, but students must contact in advance.

**Times are subject to change. See schedule in class for details.**

# silent sustained reading

- 1 Each day will begin with ten to fifteen (15) minutes of SSR.
- 2 Students will be required to bring a book to class each day for SSR. It may come from home, our school library, or in-class library.
- 3 I will assist students in choosing a book, but our reading time is ultimately guided by student choice. Please have discussions with your child about what is appropriate reading material in your family.



# grades, late work, & absences

Grades will be updated weekly in Skyward. Please check grades regularly, and feel free to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade.

**Late Work:** Accepted one (1) day late for a maximum of 70%. Homework is kept to a minimum, so check the calendar for due dates.

**Test Retake:** If failed, can be retaken for a maximum of 70%. Students are responsible for scheduling retest within three (3) days of posted grade.

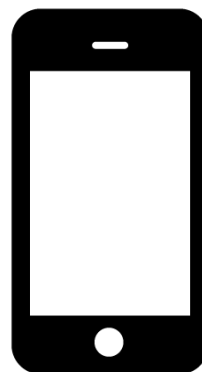
**Absences:** If you are absent, you are responsible for completing your make-up work. Per district policy, students have one (1) day for each day absent to complete the assignment.

If you know you are going to be absent beforehand, you should ask me for your make-up work before the absence. This can be done before or after school or via e-mail.

**Communicate:** If you find yourself overwhelmed with school work, talk to me. I can offer extensions but you must contact me the day before it is due.

**Cheating/Plagiarism:** Zero tolerance policy.

# electronic devices



Electronic devices should be silent and kept in student's backpack. Devices should not be out during class, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher or with permission.

See the updated school electronics policy for information.