

~Lakeside Middle School Curriculum Night~
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Goals for this course:

- Improve students' **reading, writing, speaking, listening**, and **language** skills through instruction across four domains.
- Expose students to a wide variety of rich, engaging texts - both **fiction** and **nonfiction**.
- Equip students with strategies for **writing** across multiple genres.
- Provide students with opportunities to make **connections** to the real world.
- Prepare students for future **success** - especially in high school!



Organization, Study Skills, & Behaviors

- ★ Gifted Learners & High Achievers used to **BIG results with little effort**
- ★ STUDY? Must look different in Advanced Content
- ★ MORE active verbs in the study behaviors (practice, write, explain, paraphrase, etc.)
- ★ Annotate=interacting with text and monitoring understanding
- ★ Advanced Vocabulary Development-Continuous exposure
- ★ Depth and Complexity in Grammar in the Context of Writing
- ★ Seek out challenges



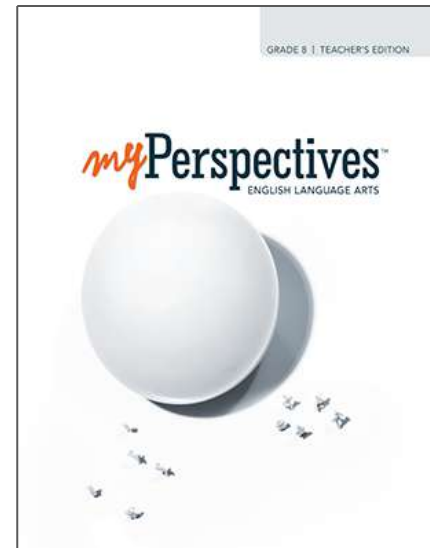
English Language Arts

- The purpose of my course is to help students improve their reading, writing, and communication skills (both verbal and digital).
- Writing is a key component of being an effective communicator, so we will work on all types of writing throughout the year. Students will have multiple anchor writings in the following categories:
 - Evidence-Based Response/Academic Writing
 - Expository
 - Research-based Argument
 - Compare and Contrast
 - Narrative



Resources for this course:

- [Forsyth County Schools Pacing Guide](#)
 - This includes specific thematic units for each grade level.
- Pearson *MyPerspectives*
 - Digital Platform (accessible through Classlink)
 - Consumable Textbook
 - Each student receives a copy that is paid for by the county.
 - Students are responsible for the cost of replacement (\$20.49 - without tax/shipping).
 - Supplemental Resources (short stories, novels, poetry, nonfiction articles, etc.)
 - NEWSELA--Common Lit--SIRS Discoverer (research) in Class Link





Lakeside ELA Novels:

All novels read in ELA come from the Forsyth County Schools Approved Texts List. Any novel studies that will be conducted throughout the year will be announced well in advance so that students have plenty of time to acquire a copy of the novel if they choose- **We do have copies available for classroom use**

- ❑ Current Novel Unit selection: ***Whirligig*** by Paul Fleischman
(narrative/literary text)
- ❑ ***Maus: A Survivor Story*** by Art Spiegelman
- ❑ ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee

***Annotations:** requirements vary by text and purpose. If a student does not own a copy of the novel, he or she may use sticky notes or a notebook to keep up with annotations.

Communication:

For students: Please have them message teachers through itsLearning if they ever need anything. All information and resources for the course are posted on itsLearning.



For parents/guardians: It is best to contact teachers through email. Response times will occur within 24 hours on business days.



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