

**“We lose ourselves in books. We find ourselves there also.” (unknown)**

I am very excited to be teaching Literature! Through stories, we will explore how an author reveals the intricacies of the human spirit. My hope is that the children will see the correlation between a character’s emotions and our own. We will read a variety of different kinds of writing, some of it chosen by your child. Along the way, we will practice the art of discussion! Participation will be important in this class! We will also look at the strategies used by readers to find significance and study new vocabulary words.

**Features of 8<sup>th</sup> grade literature:**

- Use of text book with short stories, poetry, and narrative nonfiction, two novels
- Vocabulary reviews and tests, comprehension quizzes, written responses to critical thinking questions
- STAR Reading Program- Complete 1 STAR project per quarter
- Nonfiction Articles to be read with a written response

**Grade will be made up of two categories:**

**Daily work, homework, projects 60%**

**Tests and quizzes 40%**

**Late work will be given a lower grade and/or an honor card mark, depending on the nature of the assignment.**

**If you are absent, your assignment will be listed on the website. If needed, be sure to get someone to collect your worksheet hanging on the white board.**

**Expectations:**

**Be in your seat with a book to read when the bell rings**

**Bring all required materials**

**Show respect for yourself and for others in everything you do and say**

**Please feel free to talk to me anytime. God Bless!**