

Language Arts 8

I. General Information:

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II. Course Description:

Language Arts 8 reinforces grammar and composition skills previously learned in Language Arts 7. Students will apply these skills in both written and oral communication. Emphasis is placed on language at the level of grammar, particularly the levels of word and of sentence.

III. Text and Supplemental Material

Rueda, Robert, et al, eds. English. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.

IV. Supplies Needed

Notebook, pen/pencil, folder

V. Grading Scale and Evaluations

96 – 100% = A 93 – 95% = A- 90 – 92% = B+ 88 – 89% = B 85 – 87% = B-

81 – 84% = C+ 78 – 80% = C 75 – 77% = C- 70 – 74% = D 60 – 69% = F

Students will be graded on a variable point scale for homework assignments, quizzes, and exams. Points will be deducted for incomplete or late assignments. A final grade is determined by the student's cumulative points earned divided by the total number of points possible. A student's academic progress can be followed by logging onto Power School. A link to this site can be found at www.geibelcatholic.org.

VI. Guidelines

Students are expected to arrive on time for class with all materials needed, participate, and observe class rules and procedures. When returning from an absence, students should find out what work they missed and make it up as soon as possible. Students are required to adhere to the policy of academic honesty. School-wide academic policies are outlined in the student handbook. A link to the handbook can be found at www.geibelcatholic.org.

Scope and Sequence

I. Nouns

a. Kinds of Nouns

i. Common v. Proper

ii. Concrete v. Abstract

b. Compound v. Collective Nouns

c. Singular v. Plural Nouns

i. Regular

ii. Irregular

d. Possessive Nouns

e. Appositives

II. Verbs

a. Kinds

b. Verb Phrases

c. Verb Tenses

i. Simple: Present, Past, Future

ii. Perfect iii. Progressive d. Predicate Nouns & Predicate Adjectives

III. Adjectives & Adverbs

a. Adjectives

i. Forms

1. Possessive Nouns & Pronouns

2. Other Forms

3. Articles

4. Proper Adjectives

5. Degrees of Comparison

b. Adverbs

i. Forms

1. Question Words

2. -ly and non -ly Words

c. Adjectives v. Adverbs

IV. Prepositions

a. Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

b. Adjectival Prepositional Phrases

c. Adverbial Prepositional Phrases

V. Vocabulary

a. Lists assigned and tested throughout the course

VI. Literature

a. (Throughout both semesters) Analytic & Creative Responses to Literature & Language in Relation to Parts of Speech.