

**Classroom Expectations**

**Mrs. Ball**

**Course Description- 8th Grade Language Arts**

I welcome you to this class. It will help prepare you for your high school classes and everyday life. Broad areas of study include **reading for informational text, reading for literature, speaking and listening, language, and writing.** This year we will focus on implementing Common Core standards while incorporating International Baccalaureate strategies and rubrics. In addition, we will be using the district-adopted curriculum, *SpringBoard*.

**Academic Content**: *100% weight*

(reading for information text, reading for literature, speaking/listening, language, and writing are the categories in the grade program.

**iReady** is a district mandated computer program that assesses the students’ reading level in informational text and literature, in addition to their level in vocabulary. This will be given at the beginning of the year and thereafter near the end of every trimester. Progress will be monitored and progress shared with the students.

**Writing and reading emphasis**

**First trimester-** narrative/Challenge of a Hero

**Second trimester-** informative/Challenge of Utopia

**Third trimester-** argumentative/Challenge of Comedy

\*\*Springboard books will be left in the classroom, however, the students will be taught how to access the book on-line for any help they may need\*\*

**Supplies Needed-** You will need to have the following supplies by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

a planner, one three ring binder sized one inch or larger, pencils, pencil sharpener, five dividers, one whiteboard marker, a highlighter and notebook paper.

*\*\*Monday after school in the library will be time given for make up tests and assignments (school wide).\*\**

\*\* Google Classroom is where many class projects and essays can be found. Rarely will they print out their projects. \*\*

**Rules!!**

**Practice respect for both teacher and fellow classmates.**

**Listen the first time.**

**Always come to class prepared.**

**No eating or drinking in class (\*no warning\*)**

**Discipline Policy**

**1st offense- warning**

**2nd- sentences and/or teacher detention**

**3rd- phone call home and sentences or detention**

**4th- referral and parent conference**

**\**more serious infractions will “skip ahead “ in the policy***

Please check the school web site to check on what we are working on for the week. You can also e-mail me at [**lball@rcsdk8.org**](mailto:lball@rcsdk8.org) and I will get back to you in a timely manner.

**I have understood the above course description and understand the rules and consequences.**

Student signature Date

Parent signature Date