

# English 8

Semester II 2010

Mrs. Lee

Room 105

Course #072/073 1 Credit

Course Description: This course contains work in grammar, literature, spelling and vocabulary. Semester II emphasizes composition. You are also required to earn 7.5 accelerated reader points each quarter. Books must be no lower than a sixth grade reading level. Vocabulary lists contain words from that week's literature assignments. Twenty-five spelling words will be given on a weekly basis. Vocabulary will be evaluated where appropriate. Formal and/or informal assessments are given at the end of each unit, book or literary work.

## Grammar/Composition

Verbals

Punctuation

Developing Vocabulary Skills

Library & Research Skills

Developing Paragraphs & Compositions

Descriptive Writing

Narrative Writing

Expository Writing

Persuasive Writing

State Writing Test Prep

## Literature Themes

Once Upon a Time/Traditional Tales

Newfangled Princesses

Appreciating Earth & Beyond Earth

Sharing Experiences & Poetry

In Search of Adventure

Flowers for Algernon

## Evaluation

A to A- ( 92-100%)	All grades are calculated on a percentage system based on total points possible. Each assignment, test, quiz or project is given a point value which varies according to the project's length and structure. The final letter grade is computed according to the scale at left.
B+ to B- (83-91%)	
C+ to C- (74-82%)	
D+ to D- (65-73%)	
F/NC = Below 65%	

## Classroom Policies

Students are to come to class prepared for the day's activities. This preparation includes having all necessary materials with them (paper, pen/pencil, books, etc.). Students will not be excused to return to their lockers for forgotten items. Students must arrive on time. They should be in the classroom and heading toward their seats when the bell rings. Tardies will be handled according to student handbook guidelines. There is no food or gum allowed in the classroom. The only beverage allowed is water. Courtesy for all members of the class will be displayed at all times.

## Contact Information

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