

8th Grade Language Arts

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MONTH	CONTENT/THEME	CORE GOALS/SKILLS	ASSESSMENT	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
1 st Marking Period	Image Tile / Shields Book Reviews Spelling / Vocabulary 8th grade Vocabulary Project Grammar PSSA Writing / Writing Process Persuasive Writing Fantasy / Science Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Domains • Symbolism • Imagery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing a Book Review • Persuasive Writing • Figurative Language • Summarizing • Text Analysis / Literary Elements • Writing Process • Proper Citation / Plagiarism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling patterns • Vocabulary Development • Synonyms / Antonyms • Roots / Prefixes / Suffixes • Analogies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parts of Speech • Word Usage / Word Selection • Capitalization / Punctuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Domains • Editing / Revising • MLA format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Process • Thesis Statement • Fact vs. Opinion • Research Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Researching Thesis ◦ Note taking ◦ Citation ◦ Plagiarism ◦ Paraphrasing ◦ Evaluating Bias • Content / Organization / Style Domains • Five Paragraph Essay • Citing Evidence to Support Position • Analyze effectiveness of oral / written presentation of self and others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genre Study / Text Features • Literary Elements • Literature Circles – • Group Interactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tile / Shield • Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes / Tests • Class Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes / Tests • Class Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive Essays scored for Five Writing Domains (CA) • Graphic Organizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarizations • Tests • Teacher Created Activities • Literature Circle Anecdotal Records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Selected Books • Summer Reading List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Words in Spelling Level H • Wordskills Level 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary Cartoons I and II • Academic vocabulary list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warriner's Grammar and Composition • Teacher Generated Worksheets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowers for Algernon • A Gathering of Blue • Aquamarine • The Last Book of the Universe • A Wrinkle in Time • Oddly Enough • The Silver Kiss