

Checklist for Language Arts Success -- 2021 Edition

These recommendations are for both in school and virtual learning environments. Adapt as needed.

- ★ 1-½" binder (preferably red, but your choice) and looseleaf paper-lots. We will be using paper and pen more this year than last!
- ★ Five dividers:
 - General Resources
 - Units 1-6 (you can clean out this section after we complete each unit)
 - Reading & Writing Instruction
 - Grammar
 - Independent Reading
- ★ One folder for the Financial Literacy cycle. You may find that you need more folders to keep yourself organized (and to keep the unit materials cleaned out of your binder)
- ★ Always have a book to read! Always!
- ★ If you don't have a printer at home, please consider purchasing one -- remember, if you plan to print from your Chromebook, you must have a printer that is compatible with a Chromebook (most newer ones are). ***You will have very limited use of printers at school this year.***
- ★ Stapler (keep at home)
- ★ Blue or black pens--please do not complete any homework or quiz/test in pencil (unless I tell you to do so). You will lose points.
- ★ **All printed out homework must have the following heading:**
 - Name Section
 - Date Assignment
- ★ Create a place to work and study!
- ★ Use your time wisely! Prioritize! Don't procrastinate -- **force** yourself to review what you did in school for **every** subject **every** night. This process makes a HUGE difference!
- ★ You will be responsible for completing Membean vocabulary work every single week this year, with the exception of a few weeks. For those of you who have no experience with Membean, I can tell you this from experience: Get your Membean completed early in the week (three 15 minute sessions per week). You will receive a completion grade each week for Membean based on accuracy and completeness.

- ★ Break down big assignments into smaller portions. If you have to read 30 pages in two days, make yourself read 15 one day and 15 the next. A little bit each night goes a **l-o-n-g** way!
- ★ **Stay organized!** Write down your assignments in your agenda (and check them) and pay attention to the **Daily Assignments Slides on Google Classroom**. Keep your backpack, binders, and locker (if applicable) in order. **DON'T** just stuff papers from every subject into a single binder/folder. That's a sure recipe for disaster. Organize your locker every single week--it takes a few minutes. Take time to organize right from the start...having a portable three-hole punch is helpful, too.
- ★ Check the website! Check Google Classroom! Check your NVNET email at least four times a day!!!
- ★ Don't let the Internet/video games/iPhones/sports/etc., rule your life.
- ★ Pack your stuff for school (yes, you pack it, not mom) before you go to bed.
- ★ **ASK FOR HELP!** Come to extra help when you need it. Don't wait until you're totally overwhelmed.