Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Seventh Grade Language Arts program at Brawley Middle School. The program is designed to make students think; many new teaching strategies will be used to enrich the learning process.

This year we will be using a web-based vocabulary learning program called “Flocabulary.” Students will have weekly quizzes and homework based on the current Flocabulary lesson.

I will expect my students to read at least 2-3 hours per week outside of class. The outside reading time will include both class and independent novels. Your support is crucial to our effort to improve reading scores and to foster life-long readers by ensuring that your child meets this criterion.

Please purchase a folder and a marble composition book and bring them to class on the first day of school. I also prefer that students purchase their novels for making annotated notes and for highlighting vocabulary words. You will need to purchase Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson and Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers. Students will need these novels by September 7th. Please let me know if you have a problem with your child studying these novels. Other novels will need to be purchased as the school year progresses. Parent e-mail notifications will be sent when the additional books are needed for class. Other supplies your child will need for this class include: loose-leaf paper, blue or black pens, pencils, colored pencils, post-it notes, and a highlighter pen.

Please e-mail me when you get this letter at abaldwin@iss.k12.nc.us. Please include your child’s name, block and any questions or concerns that you may have in your e-mail. I will use the e-mail addresses I receive to make parents aware of Language Arts related information throughout the year. Also, please check my personal webpage at your earliest convenience at the following address: http://iss.schoolwires.com//Domain/205. Homework assignments will be on Canvas.

I look forward to working with both you and your child!

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