

# WELCOME TO MRS ORTEGA'S 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading/ELA Class

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 8th grade Reading/ELA class! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with all of my students! Listed below is a synopsis of my policies and procedures.

## **Our Reading curriculum will include:**

- Understanding literary nonfiction and poetry
- Understanding fiction and drama
- Understanding informational text
- Understanding Persuasive text and media
- Formulating connections across literary text
- Formulating connections across informational text
- Formulating connections across all genres
- Generating research

## **Our ELA curriculum will include:**

- Poetry, Personal Narratives, and Creative Writing
- Expository and Persuasive Essays
- Research and Media Literacy
- Stages and Traits of Writing
- Grammar, Revision, Spelling, and Word Study
- Listening and Speaking Skills

## **Grading and late work policies:**

My grading and attendance policies follow the campus guidelines. In the gradebook, daily grades will count once and exams will count twice. These procedures can be found in the Brazos Middle School Student Handbook.

## **Our Class/Behavior Expectations:**

1. Be on time, on task, and prepared to learn every day.
2. Respect the teacher, the classroom, other students, and yourself.
3. Be responsible for your own learning.
4. Clean up after yourself and your peers.
5. Keep all personal electronics put away.

These policies ensure student safety, protect every student's right to learn, and to allow for curriculum mastery. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me:

- Email: [sortega@brazosisd.net](mailto:sortega@brazosisd.net); Phone: 979-478-6814; Remind!

Let's have a great year!

-Sharon Ortega