

Welcome to Mrs. Matula's 8th 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 information 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 texts.
- 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 and quizzes will count once and exams will count twice. These procedures can be found in the Brazos Middle School Handbook.

Our classroom/behavior expectations:

- Be on time, on task and prepared to learn every day.
- Respect the teacher, the classroom, other students and yourself.
- Be responsible for your own learning.
- Clean up after yourself and your peers.
- Check in personal electronics when you enter the classroom and retrieve them before you exit.

If the student cannot follow directions and behave appropriately, it is understood that:

- First offense- classroom warning; redirection; parent phone call
- Second offense- lunch detention
- Third offense- discipline referral

Classroom Supplies:

- Binder (Reading only- 1"-1.5" inch, ELA and Reading 2")
- Dividers (one pack of five)
- Composition notebook (one for reading, one for ELA)
- Notebook Paper
- Colored Pencils, Pens, Pencils, and Eraser

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, do not hesitate to contact me at cmatula@brazosisd.net or (979)478-6814.

I am looking forward to a great year with all of you!

Cassidy Matula