



# Welcome to Mrs. Orr's 8th ELA Intervention Class



This class is specifically dedicated to teaching and empowering students how to be more proficient and effective readers. Students will learn to use tools and strategies to help them read and understand challenging texts, expand their vocabulary, and increase their fluency in reading. The idea is that success in this class will help build success in all other core classes. Students will also be provided specific support for their core ELA class when needed. We will also have FUN!

## Contact Information

[kathleen.orr@alvordschools.org](mailto:kathleen.orr@alvordschools.org)

951-365-1695 to leave a voicemail

Students should always message me through the Google Classroom

Please understand it may take up to 24 hours to respond since I have very limited time during the school day

## Classroom Information

Almost all assignments will be posted and accessible through the Google classroom. Some class activities will not be available in that format. All classwork will be turned in through the Google classroom.

Students are required to have their district-issued chromebook every day in class.

## Class Expectations

- Respect the teacher, other students, and the school/classroom at all times
- Students will courteously participate with partners and groups as well as full class discussions
- Classwork will be turned in on time and fully completed

## Academic Policies and Grading

Student grades will be **100% based on the personal effort and work put in to the class.** Any “tests” taken in this class are for reading level or fluency assessments only, not for grades. Points will be earned in four categories to account for a final student grade:

- 20% Classroom participation
- 50% Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) in class and daily journal writing
- 20% Written classwork (daily assignments)
- 10% Student Planner Completion

Everyone in this class should earn an “A” grade this semester. Students may move out of this class and into another elective class after either the 6 or 12 week grading period if they have an A grade in this class, a C grade or better in their core ELA class and history class, and have shown they are reading at or close to grade level.

## Courtesy and Consideration

Please follow all district, county, and state guidelines when determining if your child should come to school or stay home sick. In the current environment we must err on the side of caution in order to keep everyone safe. More than anything we want to have everyone at school every day, however in the best interest of all involved please keep your student home if they are ill or exhibiting symptoms. Make-up work will be available on the Google Classroom for any absences due to illness.