

GRADES 5-8 LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER ACTIVITY

The goal of my classes is to have a student achieve proficiency in the speaking, reading, and writing of the English language. To attain this goal, the students learn the mechanics of grammar, spelling, and various writing forms.

I have found that many students tend to want to rush through assignments, don't give them the study time they need, don't develop a good sense of sentence structure, and rely on the computer too much instead of correcting their own work. **PROOFREADING IS A NECESSITY.**

My suggestion for an activity to keep a student's language arts skills sharpened during the summer is to keep a journal or diary. This is a collection of written accounts of students' thoughts, experiences, friendships, vacations, anything they want to write about. They can be done, perhaps, twice weekly or more often if the student wants to. They should all be kept in one notebook. Careful attention should be given to writing complete sentences, no run-ons or fragments. Also, the child should consult a dictionary for spellings and meanings. **PROOFREADING** should be done as a last step.

This is not a mandatory assignment but one that will enhance the writing skills of any child interested in improving them. Also it can be fun to keep an account of your summer adventures.

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A HAPPY, RELAXING, SAFE, AND FUN SUMMER. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER. MRS. MAGGI