Team 8-2 Academic Classes
Language Arts

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Teachers College Readers and Writers Workshop Model

8th Grade Reading Units

- Dystopian Fiction Book CLubs
- Literary Nonfiction
- Critical Literacy: Unlocking Contemporary

8th Grade Writing Units

- The Literary Essay: Analyzing Craft and Theme
- Position Papers
- Memoir

Homework: Graded weekly IXL strands and independent reading

Extra help – Available through the school and upon request
¡Hola! I am Mrs. Ortega and I’m the Spanish teacher on 8-2. I look forward to sharing my passion and knowledge of the Spanish Language with all my students.

This year we will continue our studies of Spanish with the second part of Spanish I. It will be exciting and fun learning the culture and language of Hispanic people around the world.

The themes this year are:
Trimester 1: Food, Restaurant & Nutrition
Trimester 2: House & City
Trimester 3: Sea & Clothing

Our themes tie into our Science curriculum for an integrated approach to learning. We are going to focus on the critical abilities of reading, listening, speaking, and writing Spanish.

The best way to contact me is via email or parent square. My email is rortega@aces.org. You may also reach me at 203.639.8403 etx. 22126
A curriculum based in the NGSS Science standards
Curriculum resources include Discovery Education & Stemscopes

**8th Grade Topics**
- Natural & Artificial Selection
- Evolutionary Relationships
- Genetics & Variation of traits
- Plant Growth & Reproduction
- Energy & Motion
- Our Place in the Universe

**Scientific Inquiry Skills**
- Observing
- Questioning
- Hypothesizing
- Investigating
- Analyzing Data
- Collaborating

**Homework** is assigned weekly on Tuesday/Wednesday
**Extra Help** is available during school upon request
Social Studies

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8th grade units of Study
a. Immigration
b. Revolution
c. Civics (U.S. Government)
d. Industrialization
e. Causes and impacts of the Civil War

Inquiry based Skills
a. Questioning
b. Finding and using Evidence
c. Identifying the relevance, origin, authority, structure and corroborative nature of a source.
d. Structuring and evaluating arguments
e. Taking informed Action

Weekly Assignments and Homework Due on Fridays. Homework is given occasionally.
Math

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Illustrative Mathematics w/DESMOS (Common Core Based)

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Graded Homework – Assigned weekly and posted in Google Classroom with due dates

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