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Overview of WRITING with LITERATURE III (Grades 7/8)

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Literature for this year will include:

- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien and Zena Bernstein
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
- *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth G. Speare
- *Banner in the Sky* by James Ramsey Ullman

Supplies:

- One, 3-ring binder
- Three dividers for binder
- Several sharpened pencils
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Composition notebook, 100 sheets, 9 3/4" x 7 1/2"



Class Description:

The goal of this course is to develop high school composition skills by responding to great literature. Some of the literary lessons we will cover during the year will be:

- The Writing Process
- Author's Purpose
- Setting, Plot, Conflict
- Character Development
- Five Paragraph Essays
- Thesis Formation
- Critical Thinking
- Humor
- Literary Analysis
- Research Paper

Student Evaluation: Students will receive a percentage grade each semester based upon the following:

- Class Participation 10%
- Writing Homework 25%
- Literature Homework 25%
- Writer's Notebook 20%
- Semester Exam 20%

Grading Scale

90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E