



9<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
2011-2012

**Grammar:** Since grammar is a very important part of the English curriculum, it will be the primary focus of our class. We will be covering the eight parts of speech in detail as well as building on some of our other learned skills.

**Spelling:** We will have spelling every day, and our spelling tests will be every Friday. Some weeks the tests may change due to calendar events. Students will be given advance notice to changes.

**Literature:** Our literature book is entitled *Themes in Literature*. The stories in many of the units are geared to emphasize certain Christian character qualities as well as exposing the students to some of the greatest writers of our time. We will also be reading *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* as a class.

**Book Reports:** Students will be completing book reports each quarter. A separate book report sheet is available with all of the information and due dates.

**Research Paper and Writing:** The 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be completing two research papers. More information will be given about these projects as the time gets closer. We will also be doing a significant amount of writing of paragraphs, essays, etc. during class.

**Website:** Major projects and assignments will be posted on the website as well as the information needed to complete the projects. Also, any class news will be posted there as well. Daily assignments will not be posted on the website. Please refer to your child's assignment book for that information.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your child this year. I am looking forward to a great year of discovery and learning new things with your child. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to help you in any way that I can. You may call the office to set up an appointment or email me at

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