

Aloha! My name is Jennifer Strattan (formerly Pedersen) and I am the 6th and 7th grade English Language Arts teacher. After being at the lower campus for a few years, I am thrilled to return to the upper campus and reclaim my dream position. My goal is to pass along, and inspire, the love that I have for literature and writing to each of my students.

This ELA course is designed to increase communication skills through reading, writing, speaking, and the study of the English language. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the Common Core State Standards through formative and summative assessments, essays, comprehension, and curriculum-based assignments.

We will be using Google Classroom for posting assignments, due dates, and expectations to complete each assignment. Students will attend live Google Meets sessions daily for this class. Only students have access to our Google Classrooms; however, you can have them sign in with you so that you can check their assignments.

Online learning expectations are the same as in-class learning expectations. Attendance and tardies will be documented daily. Students are expected to be present for the entire class period unless a parent has contacted the office and/or teacher ahead of time. In the case of an excused absence, students will have three days to complete the assigned work. Late work will not be accepted unless specific permission was given by the teacher ahead of time.

My office hours are the same as the school hours. I am not available to return messages (calls, emails, texts, etc.) after 3:30pm. Email is the preferred and best way to reach me. I will reply to all emails within 24 hours. If you contact me on a Friday, you will receive a reply before the next school day. I do my best to reply to urgent matters more quickly, when possible. I can be reached at [jstrattan@solvangschool.org](mailto:jstrattan@solvangschool.org).

### **Procedures and Expectations**

Students are expected to:

- be ready to work when class starts. This includes having charged Chromebooks, textbooks, paper, and writing tools available nearby.
- be sitting in an area that is free from distractions. Televisions and other devices need to be off so students can focus. Cellphones are not allowed at any time, unless specifically permitted by the teacher.
- check their email and Google Classroom daily for messages and coursework requirements.
- work hard, put in their best effort, and turn in all work on time.
- record their assignments in their planners each day.
- keep assignments and work organized in a designated language arts section in their binder.
- be respectful to others at all times.
- be honest. Cheating and plagiarism of any kind will result in an automatic zero without the opportunity to redo the work.
- read a chapter book of their choice for at least one hour each week. They will be expected to discuss their independent reading to show comprehension and reading fluency.