



*Tonia Miller*

*Middle School English Language Arts Teacher*

Hello. My name is Tonia Miller. 2021-2022 will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year as the HPCA Middle School English Language Arts Teacher (ELA) and 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. My education background includes a Bachelor's degree from Temple University and a Master's degree from Eastern University. I have been part of the HPCA community for 15 years, and a HPCA parent for 5 years. I can be reached at [toniam@hpcaphilly.org](mailto:toniam@hpcaphilly.org).

**Here is some specific information about Middle School ELA.**

- Class instruction is based on grade-level core standards so that students are prepared for standardized tests and the next grade level. **Reading comprehension and writing skills are a TOP PRIORITY as these skills are essential for every single subject in school.**
- There are three subjects within ELA; **Reading, Writing, and Grammar.**

**-Reading** class is based on comprehension, analysis, and vocabulary. The students will read engaging teacher-selected fiction and nonfiction text. Our texts celebrate cultural diversity. Students will learn literary elements and comprehension strategies. Students will select their own books for independent reading. Vocabulary work will include context clues, roots, and affixes. The goal is for students to express active thought and demonstrate comprehension of text.

-During **Writing** class students will learn to write 5 paragraph essays, literature responses, text citations, and creative narratives. The goal is for students to write with structure, clarity, and precise language.

**-Grammar** class is based on the mastery of the 8 parts of speech, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure. The goal is to understand grammar concepts and apply the concepts in their writing across all subjects.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths." God has given parents and teachers a high calling! With His word as our guide, faith in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the students will learn and grow this school year.

# ELA Class Supplies

*(I will help the students label their class supplies in the first week of school.)*

Item and Quantity
2 3-Subject spiral notebooks (one is for a mid-year replacement)
1 Pack of lined index cards
3 Pads of sticky notes/ Post-It notes
1 Composition Book ( for 6 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
1 Pack of pens with blue or black ink
Correction tape or White-Out (optional)
Red or another <b>color</b> pen (for making corrections)
2 Packs of pencils
3 Glue sticks or 1 bottle of glue
2 Rolls of tape on a tape dispenser
1 Pack of markers
1 Box of colored pencils
5 Different color highlighters
1 Zippered pencil case or
2 Twin pocket folders
Scissors
1 Box of gallon sized storage bags
2 Boxes of tissues for classroom use (6 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
2 Rolls of paper towels to for classroom use (6 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
1 Or more bottles of hand sanitizer. (6 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
1 Or more containers of disinfectant wipes(6 <sup>th</sup> grade only)