Language Arts Syllabus

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Course Description

Instruction for this course is based upon the 7th grade Common Core State Standards. It encompasses reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing. It will involve working with technology, literature and informational text.

Curriculum Resources

HMH Into Literature textbook/ebook
Units of Study in Argumentative, Informational and Narrative Writing
Reading Plus
Greek & Latin Roots, Prefixes and Suffixes
Literature by choice throughout the school year

Supplies

Students will need the following items for this class:
Pencils/lead/eraser/Pens
1 pack of lined paper
Optional: headphones

Class Expectations

Be in class, on time, every day, with Chromebook, Agenda, pencil and lined paper.
Come to class ready to focus, listen, and learn.
Be kind to everyone in the class.
Take responsibility for your actions.
Concentrate on your goals!

Technology

The school issued computer needs to come to class completely charged and ready to use when requested. *Go Guardian* is used schoolwide to monitor computer activity and may be activated any time computers are used. Any student misuse of a computer or any inappropriate online behavior may result in the loss or restriction of computer privileges, thus affecting a student's grade.

Power School is a vital part of student success in this class. Students need to memorize their username and password for PowerSchool and check it regularly.

Absences/Tardies

Students who need to miss a class are responsible for finding out what was missed. Links to HMH and Reading Plus can be obtained through Clever. Any notes/handouts from a class can be obtained from the class binder located in the room. Students are responsible for asking the teacher if they are confused about anything; this can be done in person or through an email/classroom comment.

Grades

Grades will be assigned a point value based on length and complexity. At the end of the grading period, a percentage of the total points possible will be calculated and a grade will be assigned. Grades will be recorded in PowerSchool and can be viewed online. In PowerSchool, a green checkmark means an assignment has been turned in, two dashes (--) indicate I have not finished grading/entering the assignment. A zero signals the assignment was not turned in. If you have a question about a specific grade, please contact me as soon as possible, as an error may occasionally occur.

** It is expected that each student maintains an organized binder/folder with each graded assignment for the current quarter neatly placed inside. This binder/folder needs to come to class daily. If a grade is in question, comparing the written grade on the assignment and the Powerschool grade will clear up the confusion quickly. If a disagreement about a grade should arise and the student cannot produce a graded assignment, the grade in PowerSchool will remain.