

7S Literacy

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**Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade Literacy !**

All Literacy classes at Lanier are organized as a **Readers/Writers workshop**- we will have a writing lesson and a reading lesson each day. We will always be “in” a book that we can and want to read, either independently, in groups, or as a class. In our Literacy classroom, there is a grade-level appropriate library, and we can also bring books from home, or read online books.

The Workshop is a teaching method that focuses on a student-centered learning environment. The Reader’s notebook will reflect a student’s thinking within a book through the strategies taught in class. In the Writer’s notebook, students will explore different genres of writing and create original writing pieces. The writing pieces will be very student-centered, focusing around issues and ideas that matter to the individual. At Lanier, we use the workshop classroom to focus on students as individuals in order to create a more authentic learning environment, ultimately leading our students to become self-directed, life-long readers and writers.

I can’t wait to work and learn with you!

**Late work, make-up work, and grading policy:** In fairness to all students, the school policies will be followed without exception. These and other policies can be located in the LMS online handbook

In order to provide prompt feedback on our current work, late work can only be graded after all current work has been graded.

If a student is present the day an assignment is given, but absent the day it is due, then that assignment must be submitted the day the student returns. The same applies to exams, quizzes, and projects.

**Contact:** The quickest and best way to contact me is through my email:

[aaskew@houstonisd.org](mailto:aaskew@houstonisd.org)

**Tutoring** is offered during Study-Lab. Students must make an appointment 24+ hours in advanced, as I must contact their Study-lab teacher ahead of time.

**Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a great year!**

**Literacy Supplies**

<b><u>Daily Supplies</u></b> Please bring the following supplies to class with you daily:	<b><u>Wish List</u></b>  <b><u>Thank you so much for helping us!</u></b>	<b><u>You will occasionally need:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Composition notebook</li> <li>● One folder with pockets</li> <li>● Lined loose-leaf notebook paper</li> <li>● Pens (blue /black and red) and pencils</li> <li>● Post-its / Tabs for notebook</li> <li>● Glue stick</li> <li>● Ear buds</li> <li>● <b>Your book- please bring your independent reading novel starting tomorrow!</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Composition notebooks</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tissues</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hand Sanitizer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Printer Paper</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Loose-Leaf Paper</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Colored Markers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paper Towels</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HP 63 printer ink</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Colored paper</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pen and pencils</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Markers or Colored pencils</li> <li>● Scissors</li> <li>● Flash drive</li> <li>● A Lanier jacket or hoodie-optional</li> </ul>

**Workshop Map**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Reading Units</b>	<b>Writing Units</b>
Aug.23 – Sept.30	Launching the Workshop / Narrative texts	Launching the Workshop / Personal narrative
Oct.5-Nov.12	Informational Non-Fiction	Expository Essay
Nov.15- Jan. 14	Fiction- Short Stories	Fiction
Jan.19 – Feb.25	Drama & Poetry Literary Analysis	Expository Essay/ Response to literature
Feb. 28- April 22.  April 25- June 7	Expository and Persuasive  Informational Texts	Persuasive Essay  Multimedia project

**Classroom Expectations**

**Be Respectful:** No disrespectful comments or gestures will be tolerated of anyone/ to anyone.

**Be Responsible:** You are responsible for your learning. Complete your assignments. Ask questions when you don't understand.

**Be Safe:** Everyone's safety is everyone's responsibility. **Follow school and class guidelines.**

**Be Prepared:** Be prepared for class each day with the necessary supplies and completed homework.

**Academic Honesty:** Our motto is "Achievement with Honor." Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating, plagiarism or copying the work of another student. A student taking part in an act of academic dishonesty will incur consequences as laid out in the Student Code of Conduct.

### **Classroom Procedures:**

**Entering the Room:** Enter the classroom quickly and quietly. Sit in your seat. Copy the homework in your planner. Begin working on "Do Now" immediately. 15-15-minute rule.

**Leaving the Classroom:** 15-15-minute rule applies. Students must ask the teacher's permission to leave the classroom. Once permission is granted, they must also sign out on the classroom roster and back in when they return. Students should wait until the end of the lesson to make their request.

**Being Tardy:** Being on time means that when the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell rings, you should be in your desk. This is 5 minutes after you are released from lunch. If you are tardy, knock calmly and wait patiently. Once in the classroom, you should sign the tardy notebook. See the online handbook for tardy policy and consequences.

**Focusing on the Teacher:** During teacher instruction, students will be respectful, stay seated and pay attention. If interruptions continue, the LMS disciplinary policy will be followed.

**Asking & Answering Questions:** Raise your hand before you ask or answer a question.

**Dismissal:** You are dismissed by your teacher and not the bell. Please tidy your table area before leaving.

**Talking without permission:** Talking without permission is not allowed. Talking during tests will be considered as copying/cheating.

**Sharpening pencils:** The classroom sharpener may only be used the first 5 minutes of class. Please bring your own sharpener with a compartment for trapping pencil shreds.

**Tidiness & Classroom Supplies:** Everyone is responsible for making sure that our classroom is neat and clean. All materials should be returned to their place without being broken. Throw away trash as you are leaving and not during class when it might distract others.

### **Supporting School Policies**

**Food:** No drinking, eating/chewing gum during class.

**Fire Drill:** quietly and quickly line up and follow your teacher's instructions to get out of the building. Outside the building, students must stand silently, facing the school in double rows. There will be an ALL CLEAR bell and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> one you may start walking silently back into the classroom.

**Lock Down:** The teacher will cover the windows. Everyone is collected under the tables and away from the door and windows. We stay silent until the school gives the "all clear."

**GSG Leaders /Guest Teacher:** treat with respect. Sit in your correct seat, give your correct name, and behave well. If they make a mistake or do not know a procedure, just follow their directions. Inappropriate behavior will automatically be referred to your grade level administrator.

**Use of Electronic Devices:** no electronic devices can be used without permission. If it sounds or is out in class, it will be confiscated. Please see student handbook for info.

**Profanity, Disrespect, Bullying:** Lanier is a NO Bullying Zone. Any form of bullying will not be tolerated and immediately reported to the administrators. Inappropriate language or words that disrespect people such as "dumb" or "stupid" will not be tolerated.

**Disciplinary Procedures:**

1. Verbal Warning / Student-Teacher Conference
  2. Student write an apology including incident's report and plan of improvement.
  3. Parent Contact
  4. Referral to Administrator
  5. Student-Parent-Team Conference Administrative
- Please check the LMS online handbook for further details on LMS policies and procedures. It is the student's responsibility to ask questions if they don't understand something. Conduct grades will be based on classroom behavior.