

South Middle 7th Grade Language Arts Syllabus

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Materials: My Perspectives, Grade 7 Book Series

Welcome to 7th Grade Language Arts class!

In seventh grade, Language Arts is one fifty-five minute period and it is divided into two sections: Reading and Writing.

Students in this course will:

Read, analyze, and interpret novels, short stories, and drama.

Plan, write, revise, and edit several pieces of writing including personal narratives, descriptive and informative essays, persuasive essays, poetry, and other creative pieces with a sharp, distinct focus experimenting with sentence length, language and voice.

Understand, appreciate, and use a variety of literary devices and conventions.

Expand their vocabulary skills through vocabulary study and development of word usage skills.

Use language correctly, identify parts of speech, and demonstrate knowledge of capitalization and punctuation.

All daily and weekly assignments will be posted in Google Classroom.

Class Supplies—Bring Them Every Day!

1 composition notebook

1 package of notebook paper

Pencils (sharpened before class begins)/black/blue pens

Correcting pens (red, purple, or gel pens)

Once school begins make sure to bring these things to class as well:

Book to read

All required assignments

Course Outline

Reading

- Vocabulary
- Book Reports
- Literature-Analyzing and Interpreting:
 1. Short Stories
 2. Poetry-figurative language, imagery
 3. Myths and fables
 4. Nonfiction
 5. Class novel study
 6. Drama

English

- Grammar
- Parts and types of sentences
- Parts of speech
- Punctuation

Writing

- Personal response to a short story
- Narrative Essay
- Argumentative Essay
- Analytical Essay
- Descriptive paragraph and character sketch
- Different types of poems
- Poem analysis
- Persuasive essay
- Short story
- Expository essay

Your Success/Grade In This Class Will Depend On:

- Doing all assigned work with honest effort
- Turning work in on time and consistently
- Coming to class prepared and on time
- Keeping absences/tardies to a minimum
- Making up all missed assignments/tests
- Homework

Helpful Hints for a Successful Year:

- Write ALL assignments in your agenda (or other organizer that you use) at the end of the period.
- Consult your agenda at home and complete assigned work.
- Do your very best work each and every day!!!!
- If you have any questions or find you are struggling with a concept and /or assignment, please contact Mrs. Hand for support.

Rules and Consequences

1. You are expected to arrive to class on time every day, and be ready to work when the bell rings.
2. Assignments are due on the assigned dates.
3. If you are absent from my class, it is your responsibility to make up any work you have missed. There are several ways you can find out what work you have missed:
 - Mrs. Hand's Google Classroom
 - On the student homework board in the classroom
 - Asking a peer or teacher
4. Show respect for the teacher as well as your classmates at all times. Examples of disrespect: Talking while Mrs. Hand is talking, talking while other students are sharing ideas to the class (including whispering), and using insulting or derogatory language.

Infraction and Procedures:

The South Middle School Discipline Policy will be followed!

Grading Scale

A 93-100

B 85-92

C 75-84

D 70-74

F Below 70