

2022-2023 Syllabus
7th Grade English/Language Arts
South Dale Middle School

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Welcome to 7th grade English/Language Arts! My name is Mr. Hutto, and I am thrilled to have you as my student. This will be an exciting and challenging year of exploring language and figuring out why it matters to *you*. If you apply yourself to your work, I have no doubt that you will leave 7th grade a stronger reader, writer, thinker, *and* speaker than when you entered. As your teacher, I am not interested in perfection—only progress. This year, I invite you to grow.

Mr. Hutto's Class Values

1. Challenge yourself to do your best each and every day.
2. Treat yourself and others with kindness and respect.
3. Come to class prepared and ready to learn.
4. Be responsible for your work.
5. Ask for help when you need it!

Required Supplies (bring these to class every day!)

- Pencils
- Composition notebook (wide-ruled)
- Folder with pockets
- Wired earbuds (for students who benefit from audiobook support)

Full-Length Novels

- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Grading Scale

Tests/Projects/Essays 45%

Quizzes 35%

Classwork 20%

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C =70-79

D=60-69

F = < 60

Attendance

If you are absent for any reason, you are responsible for finding out what you missed and turning it in. Check Google Classroom, StudySync, and the Absent Work box for any missing assignments.

StudySync

Dale County has adopted a new ELA curriculum called StudySync, which grants students access to an exciting digital library of grade-level readings, assignments, and assessments. StudySync employs technology to make learning engaging and accessible for *all* students. Please be aware that printed materials are available for any student who needs them.

Homework Policy

I do not regularly assign homework; however, you are expected to finish incomplete assignments and to study for tests at home. Announcements for upcoming assessments and important due dates will be made via Remind.

Independent Reading

Research shows that independent reading improves comprehension and vocabulary development. Most of our classes will begin with five minutes of uninterrupted silent reading, so you are required to bring a book to class every day. I will make time to check out books from the library, but you are welcome to bring school-appropriate books from home as well.

Behavior

You are expected to abide by all SDMS school-wide rules and policies in the classroom. Failure to do so will result in the following strictly-enforced consequences:

- 1st Offense: Warning (minor infractions only)
- 2nd Offense: Parent Contact
- 3rd Offense: Parent Contact/Detention #1
- 4th Offense: Parent Contact/Detention #2
- 5th Offense: Office Referral

Academic Honesty

All academic work should reflect your own honest effort and ability—especially your writing! Cheating, copying, or plagiarizing of any kind will result in disciplinary action and a failing grade on the offending assignment.

Cell Phones

Cell phones must be placed in the “Device Pouch” upon entering the classroom. They are not to be used during class. You can retrieve your phone after class.

Food and Drink

I only allow water from a closed-top bottle in the room. Other beverages and snacks should be consumed during break or at lunch.

Restroom Policy

You must take a signed student planner with you to the restroom. Please be aware that you will lose restroom privileges if you abuse them.

For Parents and Guardians:

Remind

It is mandatory for all parents and guardians to join my Remind group in order to receive important announcements and easily communicate with me. Just enter the code **huttoela7** at www.remind.com/join/classcode and opt to receive updates by text, e-mail, or push notification.

Parent Communication

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I care deeply about your child’s success, and I look forward to working with you to make this a fantastic year at SDMS. The best way to get in contact with me is through Remind or by e-mail at whutto@dalecountyboe.org.

**7th Grade English/Language Arts
Mr. Hutto Syllabus Signature Sheet**

Detach, sign, and return this form no later than **Wednesday August 10th.**

Returning this form will be your first participation grade!

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

By signing below, I certify that I have read through the syllabus and have joined the Remind group.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____