

WELCOME!
7th Grade Language Arts Syllabus
2007-2008
Ms. Malecki

MY EXPECTATIONS

Welcome to 7th grade Language Arts. I expect that each student in my classroom will give his or her best effort. As long as I see that you are applying yourself and showing responsibility for your class assignments, I will do my very best to work with you so that you are successful in this class. I do expect that you complete your assignments and also that you communicate with me if you need assistance. I am here to help you in any way I can. **HOWEVER**, if I see that you are not putting effort into this class, there will be consequences.

TEXTBOOKS:

The textbooks that we will use include the following:

- 📖 *The Reading and Writing Sourcebook*
- 📖 *Prentice Hall Literature, Bronze Edition*
- 📖 *Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar, Communication in Action, Bronze Edition*

The novels that we will read include the following:

- 📖 *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- 📖 *The Fighting Ground* by Avi
- 📖 *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- 📖 Various novels dealing with a multi-cultural themes
- 📖 *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Treat each other with respect - respect others' property & space.
2. No food or drinks allowed in class.
3. Remain in your assigned seat.
4. Come to class on time, ready to work, with the necessary supplies.
5. One speaker at a time. Please raise your hand.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1. Enter class - begin bell work immediately.
2. Copy homework in agenda book
3. Sit quietly and wait for further instruction
4. "Give Me Five" – 1) Eyes on Speaker, 2) Quiet, 3) Be Still, 4) Hands Free, 5) Listen

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Please complete your assignments on time. Late assignments will result in a grade reduction. If you are absent, you will have the number of days missed to make up your assignment, unless special circumstances apply. (Example: Two day absence = two days to submit make up work). It is the responsibility of the student to retrieve his or her make-up assignments. Late assignments will be placed in the classroom homework bin. Please do not leave on my desk or give to me directly. The homework bins will be checked/emptied on a daily basis.

DISMISSAL

Please remember that the teacher, not the bell, will dismiss students from class. The bell is **not** an indication that you may leave. This is for everyone's safety and to avoid overcrowding in the hall and doorways. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. This rule will be strictly enforced by all teachers, no exceptions.

SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

- ✓ One three-subject divided spiral notebook
- ✓ Pens (blue or black ink only)
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Colored pencils or markers
- ✓ Loose-leaf paper
- ✓ Highlighters

GRADING

✓ **TESTS/BOOK REPORTS** **40%**

All tests & major projects/book reports will be announced approximately one month in advance. If a student will be absent on the due date, you should plan to hand in early, if possible. If a test is missed due to absenteeism, it will be made up the day the student returns to class. Major tests & quizzes will require parent/guardian signatures.

✓ **QUIZZES** **20%**

If a student is absent and misses a quiz, he or she will also be expected to make up the day they return, unless special circumstances apply.

✓ **HOMEWORK** **20%**

All homework **MUST** be neat, on loose-leaf paper. **NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOK EDGES PLEASE!!** All homework assignments must be completed in blue or black pen, unless otherwise specified. Late homework will be accepted within a reasonable time frame, subject to a grade reduction.

✓ **NOTES** **20%**

Each student will keep notes in his or her notebook. Notes are an important part of this class, and I will be checking your notebooks periodically to make sure you are completing them as they are assigned.

PLEASE SIGN
AND RETURN
THIS PAGE
TO MS.
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**BEST OF LUCK and I look forward to
working with each of you.**

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____