Plan for Success 7th Grade Language Arts

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Materials

* 1 ½ inch blue binder with pockets
* 1 package of 100 3x5 lined notecards
* 1 package of 5-tab binder dividers
* Blue spiraled notebook with wide-ruled paper
* 1 package of 4 highlighters, assorted colors
* 1 package of pencils specifically for LA

Expectations

Please be…

…**RESPECTFUL** to students (including yourself)

…**PREPARED** when class begins with materials needed, homework completed, and bottom seated

…**ENGAGED** and **PARTICIPATORY** as you will be expected to share in class discussions and be attentive

…**ORGANIZED** including all notebooks, binder filing and agenda filling

…**RESPECTFUL** *to classroom and materials*

…**PUSH** in your chair and clean up after yourself

**…TAKE** only what belongs to you

…**RESPECTFUL** *to staff*

…**ON TIME** to class daily

…**DISMISSED** by the teacher, not the clock

…Generally respectful behavior

…**TRUSTWORTHY** and know that you can come to me with any problem, question or concern.

*Everything* we do is in an effort to make you a better reader, writer and learner!

Summative Assessments

After each unit, we will summatively assess our understanding of the learning goals. Your final level of understanding will not always be measured with a test, as summatives may take the form of essays, projects, presentations, speeches or teacher observation. Summative assessments count as 90% of your final grade.

Checkpoints

We will gauge our progress with formative assessments throughout our units of study. You will earn a “P” (Progressing) or “NP” (Not progressing) and will have the opportunity to retake trials of each checkpoint to show progression and understanding after re-teaches and necessary intervention. Checkpoints are a great way to assess whether or not you need more support or more challenging work. They will help keep us on track!

\*\*note: These will NOT count towards your final grade

Homework

* Independent reading counts as nightly homework and other assignments will be given regularly.
* Homework counts as 10% of your final grade.
* Please be responsible and turn in all work when due. Use your agenda and record assignments when you leave class!
* **Late work** will be accepted only one week past the official due date of the given assignment and per teacher discretion. For instance, if homework is reviewed in class on the due date, late work for that assignment will not be accepted. Further, assignments within a unit of study turned in *after* the summative has already been given will not be accepted.

Independent Reading (IR)

The first 15 minutes of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will be spent on IR. Most often, we will read silently as a group. Some days/weeks we will do a novel together; while others we might explore nonfiction, short stories and current events.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your nightly homework includes 15-20 minutes of nightly reading (or as long as you need to average 50 pages per week and ~400 per quarter), so it is *essential you always have an independent reading book*! Sometimes I will ask you to pull out your novel for 15 minutes of silent reading. Status will be taken on Fridays and scores will be entered into the gradebook so you and your parents can track whether or not you are keeping up with our reading.

Homework will include journals that pertain to your independent reading book! At the end of the quarter, the teacher will collect your personal status sheets and use those as well as an adapted IR participation rubric to provide a final summative grade for IR.

\*During IR there are no passes given, and no getting out of your seat or leaving the classroom.

\*\*The reading requirement may change throughout the year. A different number of pages/minutes may be required.

Independent Writing (IW)

Tuesdays and Thursdays are our IW days. These days will consist of journal prompts, vocabulary, RACE, etc. Writing should always be in your journal, which should come with you every day. You come in silent, read the prompt and put pencil to paper immediately until time is called.

Chromebooks

* Please only take the Chromie assigned to you UNLESS the teacher has given you permission to take another.
* If the teacher tells you to put your Chromie back in the cart, PLUG in the Chromie and put in the correct numbered slot.

Procedures

*Entering class*

* Enter on time and quietly with **all of your materials**, including several sharpened pencils!
* Each day, you should begin either IR or IW when you walk into the classroom.
* You are expected to begin the assignment immediately and silently.

*Tardies and Passes*

* **Tardies:** If you are late and have a pass, enter class quietly and take your seat. If you do not have a pass, you will be marked tardy on Infinite Campus.
* **Passes will only be given if you have your agenda to be signed.** One pass per student, per day, unless there is a special circumstance.

*Make Up Work/Tests*

* If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Always check the Web site first!
* You are given one day for every day you were out to turn in work.
* If you know you will be missing class, see your teacher for your assignments in advance.

*Organization*

* Your notebooks and binder are designed to keep you organized and make studying and learning easier. I will frequently do binder checks to ensure you are keeping the materials you need and staying neat and organized.

*End of Period Dismissal*

* Do NOT pack up your materials, leave your seats, or stop working/listening UNTIL you are dismissed. The teacher dismisses, not the clock.
* Before you leave: Gather all materials, check for trash, push in your chair, straighten your desk and exit quietly

DO NOT COME TO CLASS WITHOUT:

* IR book
* Pencil
* Agenda
* Journal
* Binder
* Any other materials specified on the teacher’s board