**7th Grade Language Arts Course Syllabus**

**Fort Braden School**

**2018-2019**

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**Class Description:**

This Language Arts class is designed to increase your communication skills through reading, writing, speaking, and the study of the English language. Our primary focus in Language Arts will be mastery of different writing styles, demonstration of the rules of grammar, and the ability to express one’s self orally. Additionally, increasing stamina while reading individually will be a large part of this class.

This year, you can expect to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction, including novels, short stories, dramas, poetry, and essays. These writing pieces will model the different writing styles we will be working on ourselves. Writing assignments will include timed responses, journal writing, essays, critiques, and creative pieces. Vocabulary, spelling, and grammar assignments will also be an important part of this class. Because we are a community of learners, please expect to work periodically in group situations and to present information to your peers in groups or individually.

Please understand that at-home reading is expected and is a component of our course. You will be held accountable for at-home reading by various methods.

**Our major units of study will include, but are not limited to:**

* Composing essays (narrative, expository, technical, argumentative)
* Poetry
* Short Stories
* Mythology/folklore
* Sentence fluency and construction
* Vocabulary
* Standard grammar and mechanics

**Required Materials:**

\* **1-subject College Ruled Spiral Notebook**

\* Independent reading book (AR)

\*Notebook paper

\*Writing Utensils (Black/blue pens or pencils are required.)

**Optional Materials:**

\* Markers/Colored Pencils

**Fort Braden Middle School Grading Policy:**

Assessments are worth 80% of your final grade.

Classwork/Homework is worth 20% of your final grade.

R**eturned Work:** All work will be graded and returned in-class in a timely manner. Students will have an opportunity to review their graded work, and then they will be asked to file the assignments into their notebooks and binders.

**Assignments:** All assignments must be submitted by the given due date and are due at the beginning of the class period unless otherwise stated. Homework is given weekly on Monday and is to be turned in on Friday.

**Late Assignments/Missed Work:** Any assignments not received on or before the due date are considered late. In order to receive credit for any missed assignments, students must have an excusable absence, tardy, or early dismissal. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the teacher regarding any late/missed assignments and their due date.

**Cheating/Plagiarism:** Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic grade of zero. This includes, but is not limited to, copying homework, classwork, test answers, talking during a test or quiz, allowing someone to copy your work, and trying to pass off someone else’s work as your own.

**Remind 101:** Remind 101 is a service that I plan to use throughout the school year to remind parents and students of upcoming due dates, tests, and other exciting things happening in Language Arts. If you choose to participate in this program, please include your cell phone numbers on this sheet. You will then begin to receive text messages from Remind 101.

I look forward to a wonderful and productive school year with each of you. Go Pioneers!

~Mrs. Nelson

Please sign and return by Wednesday, August 15, 2018

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