

READING 7 SYLLABUS- 2009-2010
Ms. O'Brien

Course Description: Most 7th and 8th graders take two years of reading to continue building their reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and literary analysis skills. Students are given ample opportunities to respond to different types of literature.

Texts Used: Prentice Hall Literature Series- Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes- Grade 7 and four novels that are read in class.

Writing Requirements: Students need to complete a journal entry each week, which is due on Thursday

Homework: Students need to complete two and one-half hours of outside reading per week in their free reading book (30 minutes/ 5 days per week). They will also be responsible for one project per quarter.

Materials: 3-ring folder with pockets (may purchase from me for \$.10), binder paper, pen, pencils, and a free-reading book for Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Classroom Rules:

- Be on time.
- Be prepared.
- Participate in classroom activities.
- Be respectful.

Detention: While I don't anticipate behavior problems, students who do disrupt the class may be assigned a lunch or after-school detention. Parents will be notified in advance if your child is asked to stay after school.

Attendance Policy: Students are allowed ten absences per semester. On the eleventh absence, students fail the class. Missing school for sports or school-sponsored field trips does not count as an absence. There is an appeal process outlined in the Student Handbook. All 7th graders will be getting a copy at their Personal Learning Plan conference in the fall.

Grading:

Every four weeks, students will receive grade checks. I require that they show the slip to their parents and get it signed.

The grade in this class will be based on the following:

Core Reading Activities and SSR	35%
Weekly Journals	20%
Tests/Projects	25%
Outside Reading Logs	10%
Number of pages read per quarter	10%

Note: To calculate the total number of pages read per quarter, students will use the following:

- 4 books or 1000 pages for an A
- 3 books or 750 pages for a B
- 2 books or 500 pages for a C
- 1 book or 250 pages for a D

If you have any questions, please call me at school (895-3496). If I am not available, I will return your call as soon as possible. I look forward to working with your child and you this year.

Thank you,
Mary O'Brien

Students, please read the following points and sign if you feel you can commit to them. Then take home to share with your parent/s and have one of them sign.

- **I have read and understood the expectations for this class.**
- **I agree to read at least 30 minutes per night, 5 days per week to keep up with my outside reading.**
- **I will bring in my free-reading book to school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**
- **I will turn in my journal in class on Thursday.**

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____