



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading/Language Arts

## Syllabus

Welcome Back LCMS Blue Tide!

We hope that you had a relaxing summer and have come back ready to learn. We believe that communication is the key to success, and we encourage it inside and outside of the classroom.

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### **Academic Overview**

**1st 9 weeks:** fiction/narrative writing

**2nd 9 weeks:** narrative non-fiction/ argumentative writing

**3rd 9 weeks:** non-fiction/ expository writing

**4th 9 weeks:** Review of all genres in reading/writing

### **AR Goals/STAR Testing**

- We encourage every student to participate in the AR program where reading is rewarded both intrinsically and extrinsically
- STAR testing will also take place at the beginning of each nine weeks. As part of our efforts to communicate with parents, we will send home STAR test progress reports once testing has been completed for that 9 weeks.

### **Materials Needed**

- Pencils/ Blue/black Pen
- Paper
- Earbuds
- binder with dividers
- highlighters

## **Classroom Technology Websites**

Google Classroom  
Readtheory.org  
Newsela  
HMHCo.com  
Vocabulary.com

Edgenuity.com  
Accelerated Reader  
CommonLit  
ixl.com

## **Absentee Policy**

Students that are absent will be allowed three days to complete the work with no penalty. After the three days, teachers may invoke the missing assignment policy, allowing an additional two days to complete the assignment(s) with up to a 10 point penalty each day. *The three day rule does not apply to long-standing due dates on assignments such as projects or term papers. In these cases, the student is expected to turn in the assignment on his/her first day back to school.*

## **Missing/Late Assignments**

Students who fail to turn in an assignment will receive a zero, but will be given five days to make up the assignment with up to a 10 point penalty per day. Teachers are **not** required to accept work after the grace period, but may do so if they choose.

## **Point Redemption Policy**

Students are allowed the opportunity to improve their scores on assignments counted as a test grade. The teacher may choose the manner in which these points may be earned.

**Retesting is not the mandatory method.**

## **Grading**

Tests/Projects/Book Reports- 50%  
Quizzes/Classwork-40%  
AOTW/Homework- 10%

## **Homework Policy/Book Reports**

Homework may be given if it is meaningful and relevant to the content. Students who do not complete assignments in class may be asked to finish the work at home, or they may utilize Tide Time each morning.

### **Homework assignments will be:**

~Reading for 15-20 minutes per day (student choice)

~Article of the Week (AOTW) will be assigned Monday and due Friday. Students will also have time in class to work on this assignment.

~Book Reports:

The 15-20 minutes per night will help students with the overall goal of completing these book reports.

Students will be assigned 3 book reports. One in November, February and March.

**Virtual Students will be assigned their work weekly on Tuesday and will be due the following Monday.**

