

ANGELA SAMMARONE

7th Grade Language Arts

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ALL ABOUT ME

My teaching philosophy is founded on the principles of collaboration and the passion to inspire students to become lifelong readers and writers. Collaboration teaches students to take positive risks by working with students of different backgrounds, to embrace opportunities to learn from new perspectives, and to build confidence in their abilities; all of these skills are vital for building a foundation where reading and writing will thrive.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

Find great books that your child will love to read and help our class earn **FREE** books with every purchase!

Go to: scholastic.com/bookclubs
To order online, connect to our class using our Class Code: **R8TVL**

MATERIALS



5-subject notebook



Google Classroom



Chromebook

ASSIGNMENT CATEGORIES

- ▽ Essays/Projects
- ▽ Quizzes
- ▽ Classwork
- ▽ Homework

YEAR AT A GLANCE

The Seventh Grade Experience and Mystery/Suspense

Mystery/Suspense (cont.) and Dystopian

Interpretive Essay and Community Outreach

TRIMESTER 1

In this trimester, we will read realistic fiction, learn note taking strategies for how readers write about reading, and explore techniques for creating tension through reading mystery/suspense novels and short stories.

TRIMESTER 2

In this trimester, we will apply our knowledge of suspense techniques through creating our own graphic novel excerpts, and determine the meaning of a "universal truth" in dystopian book clubs.

TRIMESTER 3

In this trimester, we will write an essay describing our own universal truths, learn about research techniques to write a mini-essay about Memorial Day, and end our year exploring how reading and writing can impact our greater community.

LANGUAGE ARTS

2018-2019

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

If a student knows he or she will miss class, I ask them to please let me know in advance. They are responsible for finding out what work they have missed if absent.

LATE WORK

Late work will be accepted for partial credit. Students have one week after a missed assignment to turn in a late assignment. If there are extenuating circumstances, other arrangements will be made.

GRADING

Grades will be entered into Genesis. The students are reminded to check Genesis regularly to ensure that grades match what is entered electronically. If a student has a question about a grade, I encourage them to please come to see me in person or send me an email and we can set up a time to meet.

PREPARATION

Students are expected to be prepared for class each day. That means:

- *Chromebook is charged*
- *Notebook, writing utensils, Post-Its, and independent reading book are brought to class*
- *Homework and reading assignments are brought to class*

TECHNOLOGY

Students are permitted to use school-issued Chromebooks only in class. No smartphones or other devices are allowed. If an assignment needs to be printed, please arrange to print either at home or at school before homeroom, at recess, or after school. If a student has printing troubles, please email or notify me of the issue BEFORE class.

HONESTY

We will learn about plagiarism, reliable sources, and proper MLA citation over the course of this year.

I NEED HELP! NOW WHAT?

- 1 Check the 7th grade calendar or my homework board for due dates. Email me within a timely manner for quick questions!
- 2 Schedule an appointment with me at calendly.com/asamm or call me for 1-1 help.
- 3 Check Genesis to see if an assignment can be revised. Revision = Increased opportunities to learn!

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

- Encourage your child to be a self-advocate
- Log In to Genesis to check assignments and grades
- Ask for your child's Google Classroom login information



Students' Google Classroom accounts are their access point for our classwork, important class materials, and links. Be sure to check Google Classroom daily for classwork and important information.