

LANGUAGE ARTS

7th Grade Edition, 2022-23

WELCOME!

...to 7th grade! Get ready for an awesome but challenging year. I am so excited to get to know you and to help you grow as a reader, writer, editor, speaker, as well as to prepare you for other educational opportunities in your future.

Bring to class

- Pencil
- Pens
- Binder
- Dividers
- Independent Reading Book (AT ALL TIMES!)
- Loose-Leaf Paper
- Colored Pencils, Markers, Crayons

Absence Policy

If you miss a day of class for any reason, here is what to do:

- Check the absent bin for the week/days you were absent. Complete work within 3 days.
- Turn in any projects or assignments that were due the day(s) you were absent.
- Be prepared to take a missed test or quiz ASAP. You are not guaranteed extra days to study.

Class Rules

1. **Be prepared.** Come to class everyday with all materials and a positive attitude.
2. **Be respectful.** Everyone has their own ideas and opinions. We need to be open to hearing those, and not be judgemental.
3. **Be Proactive.** Plan ahead, ask for help, and take control of your learning.
4. **Be Responsible and Safe.** Make positive choices and do not do anything that could hurt yourself or others.

Using Technology

As we learned last year, technology is an integral part of the classroom. We will REGULARLY be using:

- CANVAS
- Google Apps
- Quizlet
- ReadTheory
- Quill

as well as several other apps, websites, and software this year.

Remember to **follow school policies** for technology usage. EVERYTHING can be tracked on your school device. Remember that it is to be used for school purposes ONLY.

*Make sure you are using school devices for SCHOOL ITEMS only.

ELA Binder

You will need a binder for ELA everyday. We will work together to organize this in a way that you can keep track of everything you need. Please make sure that you have dividers and paper in your binder at all times.

Getting Help

There is more than one way!

1. **Before School:** Stop by on your way to homeroom to ask me any questions.
2. **During Class:** Any time during independent work!
3. **After School:** Stop by if you have a question.
4. **Email:** I'm happy to help you through EMAIL, too. Send me a message asking for a time to meet or asking any questions that you may have for me.

Grading Policy

We will have 2 categories for grading. ***SUMMATIVE** assessments- 40% of your final grade ***FORMATIVE** assessments- 60% of your final grade

Contacting Mrs. Greaves

The BEST way for YOU (the student) to contact me is through EMAIL.

PLEASE be kind, respectful, and courteous in any messages you send. Do not demand or blame me for a grade. I do understand that I may make mistakes in entering things, but please show grace, we all make mistakes.

If your parents need me....

Please email me:

lindsay.greaves@cabarrus.k12.nc.us

Please understand that emails will be responded to within school hours Monday- Friday.

What We Will Learn

As you know, Language Arts has several components. They all work together to build strong readers and writers. Below is a brief outline of this year.

Reading

You will be given the opportunity to explore different types of texts this year including, but not limited to:

- Reading Response
- Novel Studies
- Book Clubs
- Informational Text
- Practice and projects

Writing

You will work to improve your writing by building on the basics and exploring new genres of writing including:

- Persuasive/Argument Writing
- Narrative Writing
- Poetry Writing
- Research-Based Writing

Speaking and Listening

You will be building these abilities through many different ways this year, including:

- Presentations
- Class Discussions
- Online Discussion
- Group inquiry and collaboration

Language

Vocabulary and conventions are a primary piece of ELA. You will build these skills through:

- Grammar Practice
- Context Clue Work
- Morphology (the study of forms of words including prefixes, suffixes, stems and roots)

Group Work and Cheating

When working in groups, please make sure you:

1. Are on task
2. Listen to all directions
3. Make sure you are ALL participating
4. **NOT** copying each other's answers.

Cheating

Copying, cheating, or "sharing" your work displays a tremendous lack of integrity. Please understand that if I catch you doing any of this (or copying and pasting from the internet), that it will result in a minor or major infraction.

If another student asks for your answers, please understand that if you choose to give them out, you will also be held accountable for cheating.

Working together is **NOT** copying each other's answers.

Independent Reading Books

You will be expected to carry an independent reading book with you to class EVERYDAY.

The books you choose must be:

- School appropriate
- Ones your parents would approve of
- An appropriate length
- An appropriate level (not too easy OR too difficult)

If you ever need help finding a book, please reach out to me or to Mrs. York, our media specialist. If you have friends who are readers, ask them for recommendations!

If I have a concern about a book you are reading, please understand that I am allowed to "veto" it or contact your parents.

FAQ's:

Q: Can I throw this paper out?

A: No! You never know if you'll need that paper again for whatever reason; to study, or to verify your grade. PLEASE make sure to keep all papers until that quarter ends.

Q: What if I disagree with or have a question about a grade?

A: The BEST option is to chat with me in person, but you are welcome to send me a KIND email asking about it.

Q: If I am absent, will I have make up work?

A: Most of the time, you will have make up work if you are absent. It is YOUR responsibility to reach out to me to get that work and to get it in within a reasonable amount of time. The school policy is that you have 3 days from the day you return to submit work you missed from being out.

Q: Do you accept late work?

A: Late work will be accepted, but it is your responsibility to come to me and ask for it. *I will grade all late work within one week of it being turned in *Late work will not be accepted within one week of the end of the quarter.

Read Theory & Quill

You will have a WEEKLY Read Theory assignment that will count for a grade. You will have a Quill assignment that will typically be due every 2 weeks. Make sure you stay on top of these assignments.