Seventh Grade Language Arts Syllabus

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Welcome to Team 7B and to 7th grade language arts! Our goal is for all of us – teachers, parents, and students - to work together to make this year a positive one. Here are some guidelines and suggestions that will help guarantee success. Have a great year!

**Rules**:

1. Obey the rules set forth in the Catoosa County Student and Parent Handbook as well as the rules in your agenda.
2. Be here, and be on time.
3. Be prepared.
4. Be respectful.
5. Work

**Materials for language arts class:**

Bring your agenda and the following everyday:

A sturdy 3 ring binder/notebook (no zippers, please) A set of 5 dividers

Loose leaf notebook paper Pencils

Red pens Pencil pouch to keep in your notebook

Several packs of “sticky notes” Composition notebook

**7th Grade Language Arts Curriculum:**

The Common Core Curriculum serves as our guide to lesson planning. Each student will be given a copy of the 7th Grade ELACCGPS (standards) to keep in his or her language arts binder. An online copy can be found at [www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org). The reading standards focus on both fiction and nonfiction selections which come from a variety of resources including (but not limited to) current and old literature books, Scholastic Scope magazine, newspapers, and websites. The novels that we may read include *The Outsiders, The Hunger Games, The Giver, While the World Watched, The Long Walk to Freedom, The Hobbit,* and *Out of the Dust.*

**Grades:**

IF A STUDENT IS PRESENT, PARTICIPATING, FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS, GETTING WORK TURNED IN ON TIME, AND GIVING A GOOD EFFORT, THOSE GRADES WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES! Tests, writing assignments, and projects count at least twice. Parents can access grades and attendance through PARENT PORTAL. Please see Stacey Newell, the attendance clerk, for Parent Portal sign up forms, log in information, or forgotten passwords.

**Rituals and Routines:**

Students should be seated and prepared with all materials when the tardy bell rings. I will not allow a student to go back to his or her locker for forgotten items. Each student must copy all assignments into his or her agenda and begin warm-ups during the first 5 minutes of class. If a student has a question, he or she must raise his or her hand and be called on to speak.

I expect all students to be actively engaged in learning.

If late work is accepted, full credit will not be given. Submitting a paper without a name will result in a loss of points if the owner of the paper can be easily identified.

If cheating is suspected, parents will be contacted.

Make up work for EXCUSED absences is the responsibility of the student. See the county handbook for policies. Furthermore, review the agenda for the EXAM EXEMPTION policy.

**HOMEWORK:**

Studies have shown that to become a better reader AND writer, children should read on their own (and on their own LEXILE level) for at least 20 minutes every day. We will go to the Media Center at least once a month. Each student should check out two books – one to leave at school and one to take home.

Your **daily reading homework** will be to read a book or magazine of your choice for at least 20 minutes for 5 days of the week. Students will be given a reading log which must be filled out and signed (weekly) by a parent.At the end of the year, students who have read 25 books on or above his or her LEXILE level, will be rewarded with a field trip.

**Communication:**

Please feel free to contact us by phone (706.866.1040) or by email (yvischetti.lms@catoosa.k12.ga.us). For those parents/students on Twitter, you may follow me @yvischetti, and for those of you that text, I am implementing Remind 101, a safe text alert for classroom communication. Students age 13 or older or Parents can download the Remind 101 App and join as a student/parent. I can be found by going to the following website https://www.remind.com/join/mrsvisch, and our class is ELA Team 7B.

We look forward to working with your child!

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Please sign, detach, and return the bottom portion of this form acknowledging that you have read the 7B language arts syllabus. By doing so, your child will receive a “100” daily grade!

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Student’s Name Parent/Guardian Signature