



LANGUAGE ARTS SYLLABUS

Grade 7



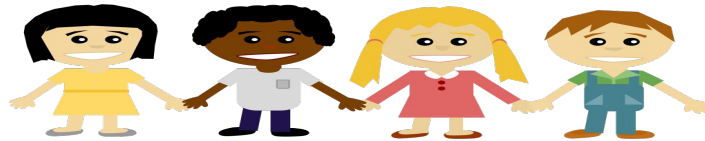
2023-2024 School Year



Mrs. Raymond

*If you stumble, make it part of the dance.
- Author Unknown*

Hello, 7th graders! Welcome back to another school year. I'm so happy to see you, and I look forward to getting to know you this year. This is my 17th year here at Seabrook Middle School and my second year teaching 7th grade. I taught 6th grade for 15 years before looping to grade 7. I'm super excited for what's in store for us during this fun-filled year.



This syllabus is a general overview of our units of studies as well as class procedures and requirements. The syllabus, announcements, and assignments will also be posted to Google Classroom which you can access once you use the code given in class. Google Classroom will be maintained and updated throughout the year. Parents can receive Google Classroom notifications by choosing to opt in on the last page attached to the syllabus.

I am available for student and parent/guardian contact via e-mail or phone though the best way to reach me is through e-mail. Students and parents, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Return the last page of this syllabus completed and signed as your first assignment.

Be respectful. Be kind. Be helpful. Show grace. Have a **GROWTH MINDSET.**

MATERIALS

Here is a list of what to bring to class EVERY DAY to be successful:

- **A GROWTH MINDSET**
- Pens/pencils
- A binder
- A free reading book
- A FULLY charged chromebook

** Your spiral bound notebook and your folder (provided by me) will be kept in class)

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them



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Independent Reading & Interactive Notebooks



You will be challenged to read as many books as you can independently this year. Often, you will be asked to complete a writing assignment that relates to your independent reading. Completing independent reading books will earn you raffle tickets. There will be other opportunities to earn tickets this year as well. Your first chance to earn a raffle ticket is with this syllabus. Simply bring back the second page signed by a guardian.

We will utilize interactive notebooks this year to house our notes, classwork, journaling, and thinking. Our INB will be one of our primary resources this year. It will be scored at least once per trimester, so it will benefit you to keep it up-to-date and accurate. You are encouraged to use color in your notebooks. Using colored pens, colored pencils, and a variety of colored paper makes it easier to sort information and group things together. This creativity also sparks your visual learning when you are expected to remember and apply the information at a later date.

GRADING/ABSENCES

I will accept late assignments without any penalty as long as it is within the same marking period. Once the trimester has closed, assignments from the previous trimester can no longer be accepted. I strongly encourage you to review scoring rubrics to see where you can improve and to reassess assignments to demonstrate proficiency. Mistakes are there to help us grow!

THE MAGIC HAPPENS HERE



TEXTS:

- *A Break With Charity*
- *The Miracle Worker*
- *Lord of The Flies*
- *The Cay*
- Informational text articles
- Short stories

UNITS:

- Goal Setting
- Identity/This I Believe
- The One Word Project
- The Salem Witch Trials
- Narrative Writing (*The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*)
- Argumentative Writing
- *The Cay*

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