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**7th Grade Language Arts Syllabus**

**2020-2021**

**Mrs. Lowe**

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Phone calls will be returned at the end of the day and emails are often answered throughout the day. The MCMS webpage is also a great way to keep in touch!

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**Materials Needed for ELA**

3-Ring-Binder/Dividers

Pencils

 Spiral Notebook

5 Color Highlighter Set

Skinny markers or color pencils

Pencil sharpener

Tape/Glue

Personal Earbuds/Headphones

**Grading Policies**

**Major 40%**

* tests, projects, final

drafts of major

writing pieces

**Minor 30%**

* quizzes, minor writing pieces

**Daily 20%**

* classwork, homework

**Final 10%**

* 10% 1st Semester
* 10% 2nd Semester

**Classroom Expectations**

1. **Be punctual and prepared.**
* Please come to class in a timely manner and with all needed materials.
1. **Be polite and kind to others.**
* Be polite to others in both your words and actions. Be respectful at all times, to peers and adults.
1. **Take pride in your work.**
* Always work hard and be proud of what you turn in.

in work that you are proud of.

**A few questions you may have….**

1. **What will we be doing in language arts this year?**
* We will read something and write something EVERY DAY. You are required to have your R.C./chapter book with you EVERY DAY.
* Fall Semester: Writing Realistic Fiction, Investigating Characterization, Writing About Reading, & Argument Reading
* Spring Semester: Art of Argument, Historical Fiction Book Clubs, Test Prep, Poetry/Nonfiction Book Clubs
1. **Do I really have to read? If there are NO books I like.**
* YEP! You really have to read every single day. I will be HAPPY to find you a book you will love – just ask!
* You are required to read a minimum of 250 pages per month and demonstrate comprehension of the book through an RC Test. You may choose your own book for your independent reading.
1. **Do I really have to write? I am a terrible writer!**
* YEP! You really have to write every single day. You will never get better at something if you do not practice.
1. **Where do I turn in my work?**
* All work goes in the labeled baskets on the bookshelf under the window.
* If you are turning in late work, please be sure to put it in the basket labeled “Late Work”.
1. **What if I am absent?**
* If you are absent, please check the Absence Folder located in the basket labeled “Absent” and please find someone in your homeroom who can catch you up from the day you were out!
* If you have missed an assignment or test with an excused absence, you will have 3 school days to make it up before it is recorded. All makeup tests will be administered before school at 7:00am – usually on Wednesdays

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| **Academic Unit Expectations 2020-2021** Reading Workshop: In readers workshop We will be reading, discussing, analyzing, and writing about both fiction and non-fiction text. Cumulative Unit and Comprehension tests will also be assessed throughout our unit.Writing Workshop: We will be working on a variety of short writing pieces throughout the year. Each unit of study will culminate with a longer “final” publication of writing that will count as a test grade.   Independent Reading: A great deal of research has been done on the benefits of independent reading, and here at Mossy Creek, we believe reading is an essential key to success in all academic areas.  You will be expected to Read at least 1 chapter book per month and take the RC test by the end of the month. Failure to do so will result in Lunch Detention until the requirement is complete. In GTE the books you Read should increase/progress over time in both ability and depth. (Lexile levels will be discussed)  Parents, if your child is a struggling reader, please contact me, so I can offer suggestions to help your child reach his/her reading goals. Student Signature   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

 **“ Reading and Writing are beautiful memories brought to life with words”**