**7th Grade Language Arts**

**2019-2020**

**Mrs. W. Smith**

Welcome to the 7th grade!! My name is Mrs. W. Smith; I am going on my 17th year teaching at Dunbar Magnet School. I look forward to this school year and have many exciting learning activities planned. Below is information you may find helpful concerning my class.

 **Accelerated Reading**: At the end of each quarter, students will receive two AR grades – Percent Correct and Percent of Goal met. Please stay on top of reading assignments by setting aside a quiet time every night to read for at least 30 minutes.

**State Testing**: Due to a recent change in state testing for 2020, a stronger emphasis on grammar skills will be in place during instruction.

**Needed Materials:**

1-1 inch three-ring binder with loose-leaf paper

3 tab dividers (PODs, Literature, Writing)

Blue/Black pens and pencils

**Rules:**

Students are expected to abide by all school and classroom rules and procedures. Below are my classroom rules.

1. Be in class on time.

2. Respect yourself and others.

3. Listen and follow instructions.

4. Have materials ready when class begins.

5. Obey all school and system rules.

**Consequences:** Students will follow Dunbar’s school-wide discipline plan.

1. Verbal Warning/Classroom Intervention

2. Demerit

3. Teacher/Parent Conference (After 3 Demerits)

4. Detention (After 6 Demerits)

5. Office Referral

**Absences/Make-Up Work:** If a student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to complete the missed assignments within three days.

**Grading System:**

Tests/Projects, including essays – 60%

Class work/Quizzes/AR – 30%

Homework/POD’s – 10%

**Remind 101:** Receive announcements and important information by texting **@g2823k to 81010**.

**Planning Time:** Parents – If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at wsmith1@mcpss.com. I can also be reached by leaving a message in the school office (221-2160). My planning period will be 5th period (11:13-12:29). I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Mrs. W. Smith