



Mrs. Hingst's Expectations and Guidelines for 7th Grade Language Arts

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Welcome to 7th grade Language Arts. I am looking forward to a productive and successful school year. To have such a year, you are expected to be an active participant in class. You will work independently, as well as work as a member of cooperative groups.

What is this class all about?

We will focus developing our grammar and writing skills. Some units that we will be covering throughout the year are: Greek mythology, literary elements, figurative language, poetry, suspense and mystery, and memoirs. We will also be learning the elements of a research paper. We will be preparing to take the reading and writing portion of the MEAP test. You will also be required to do Daily Oral Language (DOL), writing prompts, and grammar lessons continuously throughout the year. Some of the essential questions we will be covering this year are: How does an individual's point of view affect the way they deal with conflict? What is poetry and its function in our lives? How do our personal experiences shape our view? These are just a few of the Big Idea questions we will be answering throughout the year while reading.

Weebly Website

Check out www.mrshingst.weebly.com This website will keep you updated on assignments, due dates, projects, tests, and quizzes. It will also have reminders of deadlines and important happenings around JMS.

Supplies

Here is a list of what you need to be successful in language arts:

- language arts folder
- loose leaf paper
- pencils, pencils, pencils!
- eraser
- markers/colored pencils for assignments and projects
- a silent reading book - EVERYDAY!!

Power School and Progress Reports

JMS has an online grading program called Power School. Parents will be able to check their child's grades anytime online at their convenience. **Progress reports will not be sent home on a weekly basis.** If you have any questions regarding how to log in, please contact the main office for help.

Grading

Grading is based on:

- 30% : Classwork/homework, writing prompts, grammar work, and DOL.
- 70% : Tests, quizzes, projects, papers/reports.

You are also graded on spelling, writing, grammar, vocabulary and communication. This is what I call **The Power of 10**. 10 additional points are added to the value of some assignments. You will know which ones ahead of time.

Late Work

- All required work **must** be handed in on the day it is due. If you fail to turn in your assignment on the original due date, you have the option of turning it in late on the following day with 10% taken off.
- Each day that the assignment is late, an additional 10% will be deducted from the grade.
- I will accept any late work for a unit only up until the day of the assessment.

Absent Work

Please make it your responsibility to find out what you have missed when you are absent. Come see me before school, after school, or during T2R announcement time. There is an assignment file in the crate which is marked with your hour. Find your hour and your work will be in there with a cover sheet stapled to it that has your name on it. Make-up work will be accepted according to how many days you have missed. Work that was due the day will be due the next day that you return to class. All required work to be handed in must be handed in on the day it is due. No exceptions without teacher approval will be permitted.

Hall Passes

Each student is given 3 "hall passes" at the beginning of each quarter. These passes can be used to get a drink, go to the bathroom, go to their lockers, etc. Each time a student uses a pass I mark it off in my attendance book. My goal is to have the students in the room prepared. I can't teach them if they are not here ☺. If a student is called out of the room (counseling pass) this does not count against them. After all passes are used, students will only be permitted to leave the room if it is an emergency.

In order to have a productive learning environment, I have the following expectations. These go hand in hand with our **JMS STARR Program**.

- **BE RESPONSIBLE:** Please come to class prepared to work. When class starts, everyone should be in their proper seat ready to go with the proper materials!
- **BE RESPECTFUL:** Please remain respectful to **all students and teachers at all times.** This means that name calling, negative or profane language will not be tolerated. Also, when someone else is speaking, please show the consideration of not talking. We want to maintain a positive classroom atmosphere with positive thinking. School property and personal belongings should never be abused.
- **BE READY:** Be prepared to participate. Success comes with the sharing of ideas and participation. This helps to clarify your understanding of concepts.

I expect everyone to give me 100% EFFORT! I understand some of you will do well on some assignments and others will find them more difficult. All that I ask is that you TRY!

I believe these are reasonable expectations. I also believe that by making my expectations know to you, we will be able to work cooperatively. If you have any reasonable expectations of me, please let me know. I am willing to offer any extra help that is needed. Please let me know that you need help before you get too far behind.