



## *Mr. Schneider's Expectations and Guidelines for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts*

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Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> 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. One major project this year will be to learning the elements of a research paper. This will be a step-by-step approach and will conclude with an oral presentation. Finally, 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) continuously throughout the year.

### *Class Website - Blackboard*

Check out [www.rbschneider.net](http://www.rbschneider.net), or <http://bb9.misd.net>. On my class site, you will find a link to our class Blackboard site. 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 switched to a new online grading program called Power School. Parents will be able to check their child's grades anytime online. We are still in the progress of setting all of this up and this feature will be available to parents and students soon. **Until this occurs, I will be sending home weekly progress reports with each student every Tuesday beginning September 21. Please look for these updates.....if you are not seeing them, please ask!**

## Grading

Grading is an accumulation of all the work done by the students: class assignments, group work, Daily Oral Language, tests, quizzes and projects. 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.
- After the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, the assignment will not be accepted.

## Absent Work

Please make it your responsibility to find out what you have missed when you are absent. There is an assignment file in the crate which is marked with your hour. Homework buddies will keep track of your work for you and drop it in the folder. 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. All unused passes will be collected at the end of the quarter and are worth 5 extra credit points each. This will be averaged into their grade. 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.

In order to have a productive learning environment, I have the following expectations:

- **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.

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.