



Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

Reading 017

2012-2013

Course Description:

Students explore a variety of reading materials used to expand reading skills, comprehension and interest. They will be exposed to best-practices reading strategies as well as established philosophies. Test taking strategies will be demonstrated and practiced. Students will discover how they learn through identification of personal learning styles and personality characteristic inventories. In order to solidify these critical reading skills and grow as independent readers, this course provides opportunities for students to practice literacy skills and strategies in a smaller group setting.

Course Content:

Units include exploration of fiction and non-fiction text, Book Talks, informational exercises, research strategies, and comprehension activities all intended to help students develop personal reading success. Presentations allow students to develop oral communication strategies and skills. Monthly Reading Calendars supplement classroom assessments, and a research assignment introduces students to printed and non-print forms of research.

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

All novels read in class will be provided at the onset of the unit, and will remain in the classroom.

Possible novel selections include:

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The Pigman by Paul Zindel

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Other units of study include:

Short stories (Prentice Hall series)

Question-Answer Relationships (QAR) (Critical Reading Series)

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:

- A three ring binder (used for Reading only)
- Notebook Paper
- Pocket Folder

- Pens/Pencils
- Highlighter
- Agenda
- While not required, a flash drive is recommended so students can easily transport their documents between school and home.

Grade Components/Assessments:

This course is based on a total points system. Parents and guardians, grades will be updated frequently on Sapphire. If there are ever any questions or concerns in regard to grades please feel free to contact your students' teacher.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Midterm	10%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

To reference summer reading requirements please visit the Parent Resources page on the Middle School website.