

English Language Arts

5^{eme} (7th Grade) [6 periods per week]

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Course Description

Seventh Grade English Language Arts focuses on reading and writing skills. Comprehension, analysis, vocabulary, composition, grammar and writing mechanics are specifically targeted, along with oral presentation skills and general fluency. Students will practice editing and proofreading skills throughout the year.

Seventh graders will read eight novels, including choices from a guided list, as well as a variety of poetry, dramatic passages, short stories, and non-fiction articles. Many assignments will be differentiated to allow for ability, interest, and English language fluency, utilizing leveled challenge groups in reading and vocabulary. Students will prepare four major papers in multiple drafts, as well as a variety of creative writing pieces and poetry.

Students are expected to read one hour per day in English during e-learning (one half-hour during in-seat learning periods). Assignments will be turned in through google classroom (using google docs) and via flipgrid and other extensions. Students are encouraged to check PowerSchool regularly. Recognizing that during e-learning, there is no clear delineation between classwork and homework, most assignments will be introduced during class and completed independently. There will be some class time allotted to both writing assignments and reading.

All grades are calculated on a 100 point scale, weighted, meaning that a major multi-step assignment will have greater import than a minor assignment.

Ms. Scotti welcomes questions from students and parents and can be reached at anna.scotti@lilaschool.com.

Timeline

Students will read one assigned book per month, with significant additional reading also required. Students will complete one major paper per quarter, in multiple drafts.

This syllabus is subject to revision as students and teacher navigate e-learning together!