

Mrs. Seaboy's Classroom Syllabus

2016-2017 School Year

English Language Arts and Reading – Grade 8

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Course Overview

Welcome! This course will focus on building better communication by extending students' skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking. We will accomplish this in a variety of ways including, but not limited to:

- Narrative writing project(s)
- Informative and Argumentative essay(s)
- In-class and blog discussions
- Book projects
- Literature circles
- Individual and group presentations

Class Expectations

At PVMS we follow **PRIDE**. In this class that means students need to be:

- Prepared
- Respectful/ Responsible
- In class/ On time
- Doing work
- Expecting to succeed

We also follow PVMS **Three Personal Standards**: *Solve Problems, Make Good Decisions* and *Show Respect*.

Assessments and Grading

Students will have formative assessments (participation and daily assignments) and summative assessments (tests, quizzes, projects, exit tickets and essays). They will also have a weekly homework grade and biweekly book project grades. Students will receive a rubric outlining the expectations when projects and essays are assigned.

Grading Scale

- 90% - 100 % = A
- 80% - 89% = B
- 70% - 79% = C
- 60% - 69% = D
- 59% or lower = F



Homework:

DAILY 20 minutes of reading and reading question (calendar of questions will be handed out monthly and posted in classroom). Biweekly book projects (project menu handed out every nine weeks and posted in classroom).

Late Work Policy:

It is extremely important that students turn their work in on time. Because students generally have many weeks for each project, projects that are 1-3 days late will receive 75% credit; projects more than seven days late will be receive 50% credit. Late work will **not** be accepted the last week of the nine weeks due to grading deadlines.

Makeup Work:

Students may come in during lunch to makeup missing assignments, get explanations, or work on homework. When a student misses work it is his/her responsibility to make sure the work missed is received. If a student misses more than 2 consecutive days please call the main office and arrange to have work picked up to prevent students from falling behind.

Plagiarism Policy: Plagiarism is unacceptable in any form. The consequences for plagiarizing in Mrs. Seaboy's class are severe. The first time a student is caught committing an act of plagiarism, they will be required to redo the assignment and will only receive 50% credit. If a student is caught plagiarizing again, they will a 0% with no chance for make-up.

Definition: Plagiarism is the passing off of the thoughts or works of another as one's own. Plagiarism involves giving the impression that a person has thought, written or produced something that has, in fact, been borrowed from another.

One Final Note:

I am excited to work with your child and guide them through the English Language Arts and Reading process. Parents/Guardians are the first and most important teachers in their child's life. Thus, I believe communication between home and school is essential for the success of each child. Please feel free to email me or call me if you have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to respond within one business day.

Thank you,

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