

SCHOOL: Atlantic Middle School

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SYLLABUS

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COURSE/GRADE LEVEL Grade 6: Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A variety of literature will be assigned from the Quincy Public Schools list of approved novels and anthologies. In addition, students will participate in the *Tropics* Harcourt reading program. Selections will include the following genres: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, narratives, myths, folktales, and drama. Strategies from *Guiding Readers and Writers* by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell will be used as a reference for increasing student comprehension.

MAJOR TOPICS *

I. EXPLORING AND COMPARING VARIOUS GENRES

Fiction

Nonfiction

Poetry

Drama

II. READING COMPREHENSION / STRATEGIES THROUGH VARIOUS WORKS OF LITERATURE

Predicting

Questioning

Summarizing

Reflecting

Analyzing

Making connections

III. ELEMENTS OF FICTION

Setting

Character

Conflict

Plot

Theme

Mood

Tone

IV. ELEMENTS OF POETRY

Sound Devices (onomatopoeia and alliteration)

Figures of Speech (metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole)

V. ELEMENTS OF NON-FICTION

Main Idea

Supporting Detail

Point of View

Author's Purpose

Sequence (chronological order, logical order)

VI. VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

History of Words

Structure of Words

Context of Clues

Synonyms and Antonyms

Use of Dictionary and Thesaurus

***ASSESSMENT TOOLS**

Portfolios
Rubrics
Peer assessment
Teacher observations
MCAS Testing
Oral presentation Rubrics
Self-grading and evaluations
Projects
Notebooks
Diagnostic testing
Oral Exams
Interdisciplinary activities
Role playing
Open ended questions
Co-operative learning projects
Multimedia presentations
Open note tests and quizzes
Take home tests/writing assignments
Journal/Diaries
Objective Tests/Quizzes
Exams
Essays
Presentations
Video tapings
FCA'S for long essays
Class Participation
Homework

***See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable.**

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Homework is assigned on a regular basis. It is important to keep an accurate agenda book. Students are expected to keep up with their novel reading. Most written assignments are based on the class novel or other selected pieces of literature. Class work not completed will always be considered a homework assignment. Several long - term assignments will be given each term.

GRADING POLICY

Grades are calculated using homework, quizzes, tests, writing assignments, class participation, and projects. Equal weight is given to each category.

MAKEUP PROCEDURE

Missing assignments may be passed in one day late, or they may be made up by appointment on certain Tuesday release days. Assignments passed in late will be accepted but not for full credit. Makeup procedures for extended illnesses will be dealt with on an individual basis.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Necessary supplies: pen and pencil, agenda book, three- ring notebook (2 inch), dictionary, and a thesaurus.

***Adjustments may be made in this syllabus to meet student needs.**