

2013-2014 7th Grade Language Arts Policy Paper – Mrs. Engelbrecht

Welcome !! Here's what you need to bring to class every day for a successful year in 7th Grade Language Arts:

- ❖ A cheerful and cooperative attitude
- ❖ A pen and a sharpened pencil
- ❖ A properly equipped notebook with lots of notebook paper (not the kind you rip out of perforated notebooks), and five dividers (grammar, vocabulary, literature, special projects, writing)
- ❖ An up-to-date assignment book
- ❖ Neat and legible homework assignments ready at the start of class. Head papers properly with name (first and last) and class designation (e.g., 7LA3, 7LA4) in upper right hand corner. Depending on the assignment, some papers will be typed, and some will be written in pen. We will have several long-term projects, and you will receive written instructions on these projects to guide you. Homework assignments handed in late will raise a “-6” to a “0” on the 12-point scale. Detentions for habitually late or missing homework will be given. Grades on any project handed in late will drop 10 points for each day it is late. Middle school students will be reading independently each quarter, and separate instructions and guidelines will be given to you concerning this program. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as a lengthy absence, a student will not receive a “1” in conduct if there are any assignments recorded as a Z (-6) at the time of interims or at the end of the grading period.
- ❖ A demonstrated effort to remain organized (translation: a good, working notebook)
- ❖ Consideration and courtesy to everyone
- ❖ Did I mention a cheerful and cooperative attitude?

Each nine weeks we will bring new novels into your life, a project or two, and new writing and grammar skills. Tests count 35% of your grade, quizzes 35%, homework assignments 20%, and reading progress 10%.

Please let me know if you ever feel too bogged down. I will do my best to help you. I want you to learn as much as you can, to work hard, and enjoy the variety this class has to offer.

Please return this policy sheet to Mrs. Engelbrecht by Monday, August 26, 2013. This information is posted on Mrs. Engelbrecht's webpage at www.maclay.org.

I've read and agree to abide by the above policies.

Student's Signature

Parent Signature