**7th Grade English Language Arts**

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**Course Content:** The following units will be covered in this year’s Language Arts classes: Writer’s Notebooks, Independent Reading, Argument Paragraph Writing, Narrative Reading, Literary Essay Writing, Informational Reading, Information Essay Writing, Argument Essay Writing.

**Kennedy Middle School Parent-Student Handbook:** Please refer to this book (located on the Kennedy Middle School website) for attendance policy (tardy, absence, etc.) and student code of conduct (including dress code and electronic restrictions), disciplinary actions, and general school information. I will follow these rules, policies, and guidelines without exceptions.

**Teacher Contact/ Blog:** I can be reached by phone at 586-285-8845 or e-mail at agough@lsps.org

My Weebly site is updated daily to reflect the daily agenda and objectives, homework, quizzes, tests, projects, or any other assignment for the class. Copies of all assignments will also be available on Weebly to print at your convenience.

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**Materials needed:**

* Plenty of lined notebook paper
* Green Folder (for this class only)
* Pencils, Pens, Red Pens, Colored Pencils
* Composition Notebook
* Highlighters
* USB 2GB
* Box of Kleenex
* Clorox Wipes

**RULES:**

1. Respect yourself and each other.
2. You are expected to arrive to class on time.
3. Always be prepared for and focused on class.
4. Act with maturity.
5. Take notes and ask questions.
6. Cheating, sharing, not-authorized “helping”, plagiarizing, and sleeping are all considered highly unacceptable behaviors and will be treated as such.
7. No passes, please take care of your needs before class.

**ZAP:**

 **ZAP (Zero’s Aren’t Permitted) School Work Completion Program**

 Doing your work in every class, every day is necessary for any student to succeed to his/her fullest potential: This includes class work, homework, and redo’s.

 Not only does work need to be completed, it needs to be completed prior to assessment (tests and quizzes)

 It also needs to be completed at an acceptable level of mastery, thus redo’s may be expected at times.

 ZAP is not intended to be a “gotcha” punishment, but rather a measure to ensure that time is provided for all students to turn in all of their assignments.

 Your teachers don’t want you to get ZAPPED. We want you to do your work.

 Students will always have the opportunity to complete the work prior to any consequence.

 Students and parents are responsible to get any “lost” assignments from the teachers’ Weebly site.

Once a student reaches 10 ZAPS in a trimester, they will be removed from the ZAP list and any incomplete or missing assignment from that point forward will be marked a zero.

**ZAP Consequences:**

* 1-3 assignments parent letter.
* 4-6 Detention - before school, lunch, or after school depending on staff availability.
* 7-9 In school suspensions
* 10 or more out of school suspensions. Assigned Intervention specialist.

**Make-Up Work:** Any time you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the make-up work. If you are absent the day of a test or quiz and you knew about the test/ quiz before your absence, you will be asked to make it up the day you return. Make-up work is only allowed for excused absences. Your failure to request missed assignments or to schedule a make-up will result in a grade of Zero. Again, your grade is your responsibility! Place all absent work in the absent drawer and write ABSENT on the top otherwise it will be marked late.

**Weighted grades:**

* 30% Writing Assessments (Focus questions, essays, Writer’s Notebooks, end of unit writing assessments)
* 30% Reading Assessments (Comprehension questions, comprehension quizzes, close and critical readings, NewsELA, informational texts, genre units, figurative language, NWEA Reading Assessment)
* 20% Project-Based Learning
* 10% Language Assessments (Roots, affixes, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, spelling, warm-ups, NWEA Language Assessment)
* 10% Final Trimester Assessment

**Tardy Policy:**

1. The classroom door will be locked.
2. You should report to a tardy station.
3. **QUIETLY** report to your class. If the door is locked, wait quietly in the hallway and (as soon as I am able) I will unlock the door for you. **Do Not knock and/or bang on my door**
4. **QUIETLY** enter the classroom and place your tardy admit slip on Mrs. Gough’s desk.
5. Begin today’s warm up activity.

Consequences for arriving late to your classes…

* 1-5 tardies equals a warning
* 5th tardy will result in a letter home notifying the parents
* 6-7 will equal a detention served before school, lunch time, or after school
* Tardies 8-9 will equal 2 detentions and the loss of trimester events put on by grade levels at the end of each trimester
* 10 or more tardies will lead to an in school suspension with the loss of any field trips, trimester events, and any after school activities

**Technology:**

I will use technology as the number one source of communication in the classroom. Please take the time to look over theses websites and become familiar with them as they will be used regularly.

 #Requires a separate login for parents/ \*Means they are a free app on your android/ iPhone.

**\*Weebly:** Will be used for the daily happenings in the classroom. Check on a regular basis for updated agendas and expectations.

**\*#Remind101 (for Mrs. Gough’s Classroom):** [www.remind101.com](http://www.remind101.com) (Students will be asked to sign up, for free, to receive reminders via e-mail or text from me, parents are also encouraged to sign up to receive these reminders) Follow directions below:

**Send text to: (**484) 498-2221 **with the message: @7bla14**

**Or**

**Open the Remind 14-15 LA document attached to the Weebly**

**\*YouTube:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Used for uploading videos made in class or educational videos that are being used in the classroom.

**\*TeacherTube**: [www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com) Used for uploading videos made in class or education videos that are being used in the classroom.

**\*#PowerSchool:** Grades will be updated weekly. Your user-id and password are provided through the main office.