

Reading Skills Syllabus

Classroom Expectations

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Honest
4. Be Compassionate

Classroom Procedures

Materials Suggested: Headphones, pen or pencils, paper, highlighter, iPad

Book Check Out: There are several books available for checkout, but you must ask a teacher if you'd like to check the book out. All books in the book racks are for classroom use only, and should be returned after each use. If the book has a stop sign, please don't put it in your folder or in your backpack.

** You are limited to TWO books at a time.

Book Check Out/In Protocol:

1. Ask a teacher to check out a book (student is not allowed to look through or take books out of the book cabinet).
2. Fill out book check out slip from the "check out slip basket" located on Mrs. Halouska's desk, then place it in the "completed slips basket."
3. Once you are finished with the selected book, find your name on the board (organized alphabetically), take the slip and tape it to the book, then place the book in the book return box.

Seating: Seats will be assigned and seating arrangements will change.

Meeting Personal Needs: If you need to get up to sharpen a pencil, get a book, blow your nose, etc., or you are struggling with concentrating remember to be compassionate. Others are trying to pay attention, so minimize distractions as much as possible.

Leaving the room: Restroom breaks should be taken before class starts as well any other personal needs. If you must leave the room during class, you'll lose TEN participation points. Those points can be recovered through a 30-minute detention.

Talking (appropriately in class): Formal, academic language will be used in class at all times. Talking is allowed during specific assignments; **during silent reading it will not be tolerated.**

Water: This is a WATER ONLY classroom. Any other beverages may be thrown away.

Student Dismissal: All students must be seated and have all supplies put away before the bell rings. **No waiting by the door to leave.**

Making up work from days missed: For every day you miss, you'll have two days to make up any missing work, and no more than five days for multiple absences. If work is not made up, you'll be given a ZERO.

Tardy: You must be on time to class every day. If you need to use the restroom, ask before the bell rings. The consequence of not asking or missing more than two minutes of class (after asking to use the restroom) is considered tardy, which results in the loss of TWO participation points.

Deducted Points: Points will be deducted at teacher's discretion. If you are off task, sleeping, using inappropriate language, being disrespectful, etc., you will lose participation points. **These points will not be able to be made up.**

Late Work: All work must be turned in on time. If you are unable to complete an assignment on time, please discuss it with a teacher.

HOMEwork: All reading students are expected to read 20-30 minutes a day outside of class time.

Music: Music will be provided when the teacher feels it adds to the educational experience. Personal music should be saved for times outside of Reading Skills class.

Headphones: Headphones are to be used only for the READ 180 Software or audiobooks. Any other use of headphones could result in loss of iPad privileges.

iPad Use: The iPad that you use in this class belongs to the school. This means that it should only be used for educational purposes, any off task use of iPad may result in loss of iPad privileges while in class. If not instructed to take iPad out, leave it put away.

Assignments from other classes: When finished with all assignments from Reading Skills, you are allowed the opportunity to read for enjoyment. You can choose any book, and do not

have to take quizzes over them. Students are not allowed to work on assignments from other classes during Reading Skills.

Course Grading

1. Reading Counts Book Points- 40% (Reading Books)

- a. All students are required to read 20 points worth of books.
- b. Daily reading logs will help document reading, and may be used on Reading Counts Quizzes. You must have at least five reading logs completed for one book, in order to take a quiz.
- c. For book points to count, you must...
 1. have at least FIVE reading logs completed
 2. pass the Reading Counts Quiz with a 70% or higher, or if a Reading Counts Quiz isn't available, complete an alternative assignment.
 3. complete the Reading Counts Book Assignment

2. Software- 20% (READ 180 Next Generation Software)

- a. All students are required to complete 250 minutes worth of time on the software.
- b. All students will be given 30-40 minutes a week in class. It is very important that those first 10 minutes of class time are used efficiently.
- c. Software can also be worked on outside of class. It can be worked on during focus period, content mastery, and before or after school. If you have Internet at home, you are able to work on software there as well.

3. Projects & Assignments- 15%

- a. Daily Reading Logs -- Every time you read in class, you must complete a reading log which includes: date, pages read, response sentence. A teacher needs to check your reading log before you leave class for the day.
- b. Vocabulary Log- You will be asked to make a log for new words that you have learned while reading.
- c. Quotation Log- You will be asked to find quotations (any copied sentence written by someone else) and copy them to the log with quotation marks around them. Then write a reflection sentence.
- d. Writing Assignments: assignments will be given based on the current topic.
- e. rBook assignments: assignments will be given based on the current topic.

4. Participation- 15%

(active and positive involvement in the class)

****You must be in class, and in your assigned seat.****

1. Grade starts at 100% (200 points) each quarter.

2. Loss of points = not following classroom rules or procedures (being disrespectful, irresponsible, dishonest, uncompassionate), and or leaving the room during class.
3. The consequence of leaving the room after class has started, in order meet personal needs, is the loss of TEN points.
4. You are expected to be in class and on time each day. Being tardy results in the loss of TWO participation points.
5. In order to earn points back, a 30-minute detention must be completed. This needs to be taken care of before or after school, and must be done all at one time. REMINDER: points deducted for disciplinary issues will **not** be able to be made up.
6. As stated in the LHS school handbook: missing 10 days or more in the semester will result in a loss of all points.
7. If you are absent from class, you lose FIVE points. (school activities do not count)

6. Tests & Quizzes- 10%

a. rBook Test

1. Test over the information from the workbook
2. Taken at the end of each Workshop

b. SRI

- i. Determines placement on the software and book list
- ii. Taken at the beginning of the year and the end of each quarter.
- iii. Must test proficient (1050 Lexile) to move out of the class.

c. Reading Counts Quizzes and Book Assignment Forms

d. Any other tests or quizzes, such as vocabulary, will fall under this grading category.

Semester grade:

First quarter (**45%**) plus Second quarter (**45%**) plus Semester Test (**10%**).

If you have any questions about this information, please ask.

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