

MS. CURTIS

Reading

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 Room: 602

 Extension: 2602

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students in this class will learn about all aspects of reading including, but not limited to, the following:

Students will learn how to read, write, speak and listen in English through a variety of different components as well as from the System 44 program.

Classroom Environment: As learners, it is our responsibility to do our best to improve ourselves both academically and personally. In order to do this, a safe and productive classroom environment needs to be ensured for all students.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Students are all provided a school iPad. School property should be treated with respect.

- Please keep all iPads closed until directions have been given.
- If we are working on our iPads and you are not in the correct window, you will lose privileges.
- Headphones are *not allowed*, unless otherwise stated by teacher.

CLASS RULES

- Be Respectful with those around you.
- Always treat others kindly.
- Accept your mistakes.
- Take responsibility for your work.
- Don't complain and have a positive attitude.

MATERIALS

- Headphones (you need these every day in this class)
- pen or pencils
- a 5-subject notebook
- Kleenex.

If you are not able to bring these materials to class, please see me after school

EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to follow directions and behave following the classroom rules and student handbook. It is also expected that students create a welcoming environment for themselves and others.
- In this classroom, we are encouraging and we also accept mistakes.
- Students need to use the bathroom before class, not during class. If you need to use the bathroom (if it is not an emergency), you will have to serve time after school.
- Homework and other assignments outside of class are expected to be completed before coming to class. This is part of your engagement assignment.

GRADING POLICY

35%

Time

30%

Book Tests

15%

Spelling

10%

Fluency

10%

Comprehension

LATE WORK

Late work is different from absent work.

If your work is late meaning not turned in the day and time it is due you will receive the following scores.

1 day late: 90% of your score.

2 days late: 80% of your score.

3 days late: 70% of your score.

After three days, late work will not be accepted.

If you need extensions on projects or homework assignments you will have to get them approved by Ms. Curtis.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- You are free to express your ideas, thoughts, and opinions in a respectful way.
- You are expected to turn in your own work, and to complete assignments to the best of your ability.
- You need to focus and work on what you can control.
- Believe in yourself and your potential.
- Don't make excuses for your work.
- When you complete your work, you are benefiting yourself.
- Be a positive influence for your peers and for the community.

WHAT IF I AM ABSENT?

- **Step 1:** Notify teacher before absence, as soon as possible.
- **Step 2:** Collect all materials for the day you will be missing.
- **Step 3:** Be sure you understand the material.
- **Step 4:** You will have (1) extra day to finish it.
- **Step 5:** Turn it into the late box. Assignment will not be counted late if arrangements have been made with the teachers, it just needs to be placed in that box.

Academic Honesty:

Students are expected to turn in original work, if students are caught cheating, copying, or plagiarizing they will be subject to the consequences listed below (from the student handbook). After meeting with the teacher, student will re-do assignment within 3 days for 50% credit.

OFFENSE	1 ST OFFENSE	2 ND OFFENSE	3 RD OFFENSE
Academic Misconduct (includes cheating, plagiarism, etc.)	Detention; "0" credit for assignment (student may redo assignment for 69% credit or less); Parent Contact	ISS; "0" credit for assignment (student may redo assignment for 69% credit or less); Parent Contact	S-OSS; "0" credit for assignment (student may redo assignment for 69% credit or less); Parent Contact

By signing below, I acknowledge the following standards and procedures that I am required to follow to be successful in this class. Additionally, I accept that these terms are subject to change.

Signature