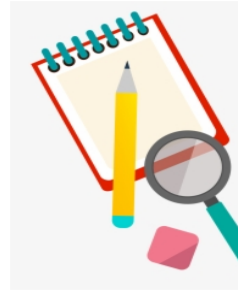




Diamond Fork Middle School

7th Grade English Language Arts



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Course Description: The seventh-grade language arts standards focus on starting college and career readiness. In English, we will focus on 3 main writing styles- informational, argumentative, and narrative. We will also focus on non-fiction texts and grammar usage. Students in this class will receive explicit and direct instruction to meet their individual learning goals and needs. We will work on improving our overall writing, reading and grammar skills.

School Rules & Expectations: Be **ALL IN** for learning! Live the Diamond Fork Values: Respect, Compassion, Courage, Integrity, Perseverance, and Curiosity.

- **Cellphones:** There is a strict NO PHONE policy at Diamond Fork. Phones must be in your locker or backpack during class. They are allowed during lunch and in the halls during passing periods. If I see it, I will confiscate it and you will get it back at the end of the day. After two offenses, your parent or guardian will need to get it from the office.

Mrs. Davis's Class Rules & Expectations:

1. **Be prepared-** come to class with necessary supplies, a good attitude and ready to learn
2. **Always do your best-** show effort in class, participate, complete assignments, and work hard
3. **Listen & Follow directions-** Listen when the teacher is talking, follow directions the first time when given, complete tasks when asked
4. **Respect yourself & others-** Respect class materials, keep your hands to yourself, use kind language, be nice to teachers and students
5. **Use materials appropriately-** Using supplies (scissors, markers, bouncy bands, etc.) and technology like chromebooks are a privilege. Use chromebooks when allowed and stay with the class during the lesson (no surfing the internet or games).

Required Materials: Please bring the following to class **every day**:

- Pencil/Pen (No yellow or red pens, please).
- Composition or spiral notebook.



Grading Scale:

A	84.5-100%
B	69.5-84.4%
C	54.5-69.4%
F	0-54.4%

Reading List: As a class, we will read *The Giver* (graphic novel) by Lois Lowry and P. Craig Russell and *Woodson* by Gary Paulsen. If you have any concerns about a specific novel, please contact me and I can work with you on an alternative. I also have a classroom library where students may

check books out. While I have read many of them, I have not read all of them. If you have a concern about a specific book, please come talk to me.

Homework: Homework will not be assigned in my class. The only time students will receive homework is to make up for absences or illness.

Honesty/Integrity: Cheating in any form is unacceptable. A student who is caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/assessment, and will have their citizenship dropped to a "U". The student will redo the assignment/assessment for credit.

Citizenship: Students will receive a separate grade for citizenship. Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the scale below. Citizenship can go down depending on class behavior such as participation, following directions, showing respect and respecting the other Diamond Fork Values.

S (Satisfactory) = 90-100
N (Needs improvement) = 70-89
U (Unsatisfactory) = 0-69



While you may lose points for breaking class/school rules, you can earn them back with exceptional behavior, completing work on time, and helping classmates or the teacher.

****Poor behavior for a substitute will automatically drop a student's citizenship to a "U"**

Food in the classroom: There is none!!! Please do not bring any food into the classroom. Each student should have a water bottle (for water only). Exceptions include snacks that I may bring as part of an activity.

Chromebooks: We will be using Chromebooks for student learning. It is expected that students adhere to their Computer Use Agreement, which includes sanitizing after each day. All students will be trained in and required to abide by classroom procedures. Violations of the Computer Use Agreement or classroom procedures could result in loss of citizenship and suspension of the use of the device for an established period of time. In the event of vandalism, the student will be required to pay for damages or replace the device if necessary.



Hall passes: You will be given a Diamondback Card at the beginning of each term. Once you've used your hall pass, that's it for the rest of the term. Use it wisely. Come to class prepared!

Canvas: We will be using Canva, through your child's school email for all digital assignments. This disclosure document can also be found there. Assignments can be accessed anywhere with the Internet. They can work on any of these assignments from home if not completed in class. During a quarantine, or any absence, we will continue to use the same platform for all assignments.

Attendance: Always call or email the attendance office to excuse your child, even if you have already told me. Please contact them about fixing late tardies or excused absences.

Supplies: I have basic supplies for the students to use throughout the year like craft supplies, paper and pencils. I am doing a class prize box, and if you would like to contribute anything like toys, trinkets, fidgets, squishies, stickers, or snacks please let me know as donations are appreciated.

Questions or Concerns: If you find yourself confused or overwhelmed, please talk with me to arrange a time to come in before school, after school, or during E-time so that we can get you the help you need.

Parents/Guardians, you may reach me before or after school (385-437-0660) or by email rose.davis@nebo.edu. I will try to email you back within one business day. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. I look forward to a fantastic year! If you need to get a hold of me during school hours, please call the office and they can transfer me to you.

This is going to be an awesome year! Thank you for all you do!

HELPFUL LINKS

- [How to access Canvas as a Parent](#)
- [Nebo Tech Help Site](#) Important tech info and help parents need to know!
- Click [HERE](#) to access:
 - Canvas
 - Infinite Campus
 - Change Password
 - Change Student Password