



Diamond Fork Middle School

7th Grade Reading



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Course Description: The sixth grade language arts standards focus on starting college and career readiness. In reading we will focus on comprehension of literature and ways to analyze the author's craft.

Expectations:

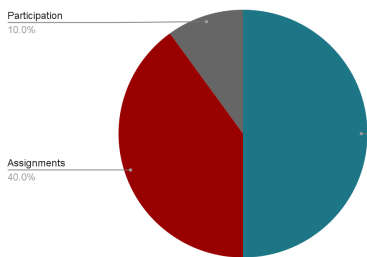
- 1) Respect—respect your teacher, classmates, school, and yourself. Follow directions, listen and talk when appropriate, keep hands and objects to yourself. Come prepared for class and keep cell phones away. Appropriately wear masks when social distancing is not possible (pretty much always).
- 2) Compassion—Treat others with kindness, including on social media.
- 3) Courage—Stand up for yourself and others, tackle difficult tasks, and risk making mistakes.
- 4) Integrity—Demonstrate honesty in actions and words, do your own work.
- 5) Perseverance—engage and participate during class, complete work on time, and re-do assignments when needed.
- 6) Curiosity—ask quality questions and demonstrate a desire to know and learn.

Required Materials: Please bring the following to class **EVERY DAY**.

- Pencil/Pen (No yellow or red pens, please).
- Composition or spiral notebook.
- Assigned literature book (when doing literature groups)



Percent of Grade



Grades are weighted as follows:

50% Mastery Scores: Tests/Quizzes/Essays

40% Assignments: Class time will be given for assignments

10% Participation: Turning things in on time/Participating in class

Grading Scale:

A- 85-100%

B- 69-84%

C- 55-68%

F- 0-54%

Participation: The easiest way to keep your participation points high is to do your work in class! Absent work must be made up within two days of the absence or it will be marked as late. Special circumstances will be dealt with individually. Some make-up work may require that you come in during E-time or stay after school. Some assignments expire or simply cannot be made up. Covid- If you are home on quarantine, you will complete assignments at home using Canvas.

*If you are absent for a quiz or test, you may come in to make it up during E-time or set up a time with me before or after school.

Reading List: As a class, we will read a selection of novels from this list: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor, and *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. There will also be various small group books assigned in the reading class. If you have any concerns about a specific novel, please contact me and I can work with you for an

alternative. I also have a large classroom library that students may check books out of. 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: The only regular homework is home reading. I require one book a month (minimum of 100 pages) with an accompanying assignment that will be completed in class. You will have class time to complete all other assignments. However, assignments not completed in class become homework. These are to be completed and turned in at the beginning of the next class day unless otherwise stated.

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". In addition, they will feel really guilty for cheating. The student will redo the assignment/assessment for credit.

Citizenship: Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the following scale:

S (Satisfactory) = 90-100

N (Needs improvement) = 70-89

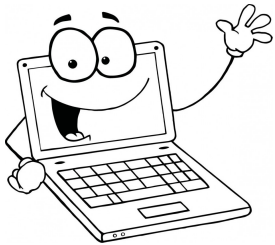
U (Unsatisfactory) = 0-69



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

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 (801-798-4052) or by email scott.buck@nebo.edu. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. I look forward to a fantastic year!