7th Grade Language Arts Ms. Rehm 2014-2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school! I am excited to work with all of you this year. I am confident that we will have a challenging and productive year in the 7th grade. Please read the following and expectations together and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Course Description:

This is a one-year course focusing on the Common Core English-Language Arts Standards for Grade 7.

Grading:

Student's grades are based on the total percentage of points he/she earns during the grading period. The overall grade is based on certain percentages for each category. Grades will not be rounded up. The categories are as follows:

40%= Homework & Classwork

40% = Tests, Writing, & Projects

10% = Quizzes & Participation

10% = Accelerated Reader Goal & AR writing

Grading Scale:

A+	=	99-100%	\mathbf{C}	=	73-77%
A	=	93-98%	C-	=	70-72%
A-	=	90-92%	D+	=	68-69%
B +	=	88-89%	D	=	63-67%
В	=	83-87%	D-	=	60-62%
B-	=	80-82%	\mathbf{F}	=	59% and below
C +	=	78-79%			

Recommended Materials:

- 3-holed spiral notebook (70-100 pgs.)
- 1" 3-ring binder
- AR Reading Book/Library Book
- Agenda (provided by school)
- Notebook paper (loose leaf not spiral) Glue stick
- Pencil & Pens (Blue/Black)
- Red, Green, Blue, Black pens (put aside for writing only)

- Index cards
- Ear-buds (for laptop use)
- Colored Pencils
- Fine-tipped outlining marker
- Highlighter
- Scissors

Homework Expectations

Students should expect at least 20 minutes of Language Arts homework a night in addition to 20 minutes of reading of their Accelerated Reader book five nights a week. AR is a mandatory school wide program.

Agenda: Students are expected to write their assignments in their agendas at the beginning of every class. This will help assure that it is turned in complete and on time.

Late Work: I will accept late work at any time throughout the semester for half credit, unless otherwise stated. Late work will be graded and entered into the computer at my convenience.

Absent Work: Students will be given one day per absence to make up missed assignments, including class work. Students are responsible for obtaining any missed assignments.

Missing Assignments: Students who do not turn in homework on time will receive one day of grace before being assigned a mandatory after school detention. Communication will be sent home to parents.

Citizenship:

To ensure the safety of everyone in the classroom, all students are expected to use good judgment in their actions and behavior and follow all of the classroom rules. Citizenship grades are assigned at each quarter and reflect the student's behavior in class.

Communication:

My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Below are some easy ways for you to stay in touch with me and your student's progress.

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Student Name:		Class Period:
Parent Name:	Parent Signature:	
Parent E-mail (if checked regularly):		
Parent Contact Phone Number:		