

7th Grade Language Arts Information Sheet

2017-2018

Welcome to 7th Grade Language Arts!

I am so excited to start a new school year and am looking forward to having you in my class! We will be busy with many things this year in language arts with focuses on reading, critical thinking, writing, and grammar. I am always available to help, so don't hesitate to ask!

Grading:

- Tests/Projects: 40%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Class work: 30%

Retest Policy:

Original Test Grade	Maximum Grade after Retest
<69	69

- Students have FIVE school days from the day the test is handed back to make test corrections. *No additional credit will be given for test corrections.*
- Once test corrections with a parent signature are submitted, students earn the right to retest. The maximum grade after a retest is 70%.

Absences & Late Work Policy:

- Students will have the same number of days to make up work as days they were absent.
- Points will be deducted for late work.

Quarter Breakdown:

- ➔ Quarter 1: Life is Not Fair
- ➔ Quarter 2: Search for Tomorrow
- ➔ Quarter 3: Picking Your Battles
- ➔ Quarter 4: Overcoming Adversity

Novels:

- We will read at least 1 novel each quarter this year. For quarter 1, we will read ***The Outsiders*** by S.E. Hinton. We recommend that you have your own copy, but we also have some copies at school that students will be able to borrow.
- Other novel choices will be assigned throughout the year in a literature circle format

Interactive Learning Log:

- You will use an Interactive Learning Log (5-subject notebook or binder) to keep your materials organized in 7th grade language arts. You will glue worksheets into your ILL and reflect on your learning in this same notebook. You are expected to maintain this notebook all year as it will act as not only an organizational tool but also a study tool for tests and quizzes.

Classroom Information:

Students and families can find important classroom information on my Weebly website.

- Website <http://leopardsela.weebly.com/>

Language Arts Interactive Learning Log

Show What You Know options

WRITTEN	ARTISTIC	EXTENSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter • Newspaper article • Commercial • Poem/haiku/limerick • Myth/folktale • Critique • Forecast/fortune • Sermon • Instructions • Scary story • Interview • Tweet • Blog • Contract • Definitions • Magazine article • Mystery story • Biography • Adventure story • Will • Speech • Quiz/test • Monologue • Advice column • Historical fiction • Journal/diary • Persuasive essay • Campaign speech • Email • Letter • Short story • Oath • Song/rap • Skit • Parody • Ode 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book cover • Mural • Cd cover • Graffiti wall • Bumper sticker • Wanted poster • Movie poster • Comic strip • Graphs/charts/maps • Mosaic • Collage • Themed sketch • Flow chart • Story board • Doodle • Jigsaw puzzle • Magazine cover • Post card • Character sketch • One pager • Crystal ball • Meme • Instagram Page • Twitter Page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board game • Pamphlet/brochure • Menu • Certificate • Alphabet book • Recipe • Coded message • Telegram • Facebook page • Animal story • Timeline • Acrostic • Resume • Thank you note • Crossword puzzle • Schedule of events • Grocery list • Constitution • Top five/ten list • Verdict • Jingle • Job application • Comparisons • Caption