



Stillman Middle School

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7TH GRADE Accelerated Learning Instruction COURSE SYLLABUS 2023-2024

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Conference: 1:15 – 1:50 P.M.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will enrich students' growth in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussion, reflection, and viewing. Reading strategies, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary building comprise the main elements of reading instructions. Through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry reading, students will practice reading strategies and comprehension skills. The focus of writing will be on informational, and argumentative writing. The overall goal of the class is to enhance the literacy and writing ability of students.

- Develop and increase reading fluency for comprehension
- Increase vocabulary knowledge and analyze a wide variety of literary terms
- To use higher order/critical thinking skills
- Respond to literature and effectively communicate through speech and writing

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Headphones/ Earbuds
- Pocket folder with prongs
- Loose-leaf paper
- 1 composition notebook
- Pencils (#2)
- 1 Tissue Box

Middle School Courses: Six Weeks Grades

1. Major assessments are sixty percent (60%) of the grade. This must include a **minimum** of **three major assessments** per six weeks.
2. Minor assessments are forty percent (40%) of the grade. These must include a **minimum** of **five minor assessments** per six weeks.
Quizzes, assignments, homework, and notebooks may be considered daily assessments.

Late Work Policy:

Late work is defined as work that has been completed and turned in after a designated due date, whether it be assigned in the classroom or online. Students are expected to turn in all assignments by the due date. Assignments not

turned in on time will be made up and deadline will be at the discretion of the teacher. The **highest grade** a student will receive is a **70** for late work turned in. ***Please note that LATE WORK will NOT be accepted without a LATE SLIP FORM. NO EXCEPTIONS. First, the student is responsible for requesting a form from the teacher. The parent shall then fill it out and attach it to the late work prior to having the student submit it for a grade. Doing so will ensure that parents are aware of their child's academic progress.***

Tardy Policy:

Each class begins promptly after the bell rings. If a student is not in the classroom and prepared to work when the bell rings, he/she is tardy. Before student enters the classroom, he/she will get a tardy pass from the office, if they do not already have one. Students are responsible for any missed classroom instruction.

Tardy # 1 through Tardy # 4 – Parents will be contacted and tardy documented.

Tardy # 5 – Office Referral.

Students with excessive tardies will be

placed on a contract by the attendance clerk.

Restroom Policy:

Students must go to the restroom in between classes. However, in cases of emergencies, they will be allowed to go during independent work time, one student at a time. Students must sign “Log Book” and borrow the teacher pass in order to exit classroom. Students are expected to return promptly to class.

CLASSROOM RULES/CONSEQUENCES:

- Respect everyone and all property.
- Be in your seat before the tardy bell rings.
- Come to class prepared with required materials.
- Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged.
- Gum chewing in class is prohibited.
- Follow student Code of Conduct.
- **ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND IN YOUR BACKPACK. Any cell phone left “ON” or “VISIBLE” will be turned in to the office. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Discipline Plan:

1. 1st Offense: Warning-Redirect; Document on eSchoolPLUS
2. 2nd Offense: Teacher/Student Conference; Parent Notification; Document on eSchoolPLUS
3. 3rd Offense: Team ITS/Counselor Referral; Document on eSchoolPLUS
4. 4th Offense: Team/Parent Conference; Document on eSchoolPLUS
5. 5th Offense: Office Referral; Document on eSchoolPLUS

***Any SEVERE DISRUPTION requires immediate office referral.**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Personal Electronic devices may be used in class for educational purpose **only** at certain times throughout the year. When electronic devices are not being used for educational purposes, they must **remain** in student’s backpacks, **turned off** at all times, and **not** in student’s pockets. Electronic devices that are not in backpack(s) or heard during class will be picked up and turned in to the office. Absolutely NO ONE is allowed to take pictures or record anyone at any time. **NO EXCEPTIONS. Electronic devices turned into the office must be picked up by a parent/guardian.**



REMIND Class Codes

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@ 3rdpdMRD

@5thpdMRDZ

@7thpdMRDZ

@9thpdMRDZ

