

Miss Woods' 7th & 8th grade Girls English

Language Arts:

Spelling and Vocabulary– We will be using the Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary book. I will assign a lesson per week (20 words + 5 extra words). Besides our pretest on Monday and the posttest on Friday, they will be given assignments regarding those words.

Vocabulary – Besides using the above-mentioned book, students will receive words from the trade books read in class. Varying assignments will be given on the words before a quiz.

Grammar – We will be using the Houghton Mifflin Grammar Books. I will use this book with the reference book Writers Inc.

Literature – Prentice Hall Literature Book will be used for some of the reading and discussion exercises. Short stories, drama, and poetry are among the genres we will read.

Trade book – For parts of the year, we will be reading a book as a class and will have assignments and discussions based on this common reading.

Journals – A journal is kept by each student. This journal will vary among a letter addressed to me, a poem, or in paragraph format. Journal entries may reflect questions or statements I have posted. Students will also have opportunities to write on topics or ideas of their choosing. Journal entries I read will be graded for neatness, complete sentences, content, and conventions.

Independent Reading – I truly believe in the importance of reading a book that a student finds personally interesting. D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time will be given mainly on Fridays for students to read from a book of their choice. Students will be required to read *at least 2 books at their ability level per quarter*.

Assignments are given point values as to their importance. A homework assignment is usually graded with a total possible point value of 10. Some of the more intensive assignments are given point values of 25 to 50 points. Tests usually are given 100-point value. Then using the total number of points assigned during a quarter, I use the district's grading policy of: 90-100 A; 80-89 B; 70-79 C; 60-69 D; 59 and lower is failing.

Please know that I truly look forward to teaching a girls English course!

Feel free to contact me at awoods@crsd.k12.ak.us or 822-3870.

Student and Parent Signature:

By signing, parents and students will certify that they have read the syllabus, understand expectations and requirements of the class, and agree to these expectations.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date