**Mrs. Nichter’s Jr. High Language Arts and Literature**

**Language**

Bell Work – Students will be asked to work on their notecards/vocabulary

 notebooks upon entering the classroom. On days where we do

 not have notebook they will be given a short grammar exercise

 to complete for the days bell work.

Spelling – units are assigned on Monday’s and due on Thursday’s

 Spelling tests are on Thursday’s

Spelling Bee – Will be held in December and all students are required to

 participate at the classroom level.

Vocabulary – words are assigned on Monday’s along with notecards.

 Notecards are due on Tuesday, if students’ complete

 notecards on Monday they may turn them in for 5 points

 extra credit on their test. Vocabulary Tests are on Friday.

Vocabulary Notebook – work is assigned daily form Tuesday through

Thursday. Each day they will be given an activity

to complete dealing with their vocab words for

that week. This allows the student to have

multiple contacts with the word, which will lead to

better understanding of the word. Vocabulary

Notebooks are due Friday BEFORE the school day

begins.

Research Papers – All grades will start writing 2nd quarter.

Look for more information on this at the end of 1st

quarter.

**Literature**

Bell Work – Upon entering the classroom students will be given a bible

 verse or short passage to read about a saint. They will then be

 asked to reflect on what they’ve read. They will keep all the

 weeks work in a spiral notebook and this will be due every

 Friday.

Classroom set up – Students will be reacquainted and gain more

 knowledge of literary elements through: daily readings,

 weekly assignments and quizzes, end of unit tests, and

 end of unit projects.

Novels – Each grade will read 2 novels throughout the year.

 6th – *Dogsong* and *Number the Stars*

 7th – *The Giver* and *Bridge to Terabithia*

 8th – *Tuck Everlasting* and *A Wrinkle in Time*

Accelerated Reader – Students are given class time each week to read, so

 they MUST have a book with them to read at all

 times.

AR Point Requirements – 6th – 18 points per quarter

 7th – 23 points per quarter

 8th – 28 point per quarter

**Missing and Late Assignment Policy** – Students have one day to get late assignments turned in to the teacher. They will receive 10% off their grade for it being one day late and it will be logged as a missing assignment. Any work turned in 2 or more days late will have 50% taken off their score.

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