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

Language

**Bell Work**

Students will be asked to work on their Simple Solutions workbooks upon entering the classroom. Once they have started these books we will use the first 5 to 10 minutes of class to go over the previous lesson. Whatever they do not finish in the new lesson will be homework for that night.

**Simple Solutions**

This year, we will be doing Simple Solutions English Grammar and Writing Mechanics in the jr. high classes. Simple Solutions English Grammar and Writing Mechanics is a wonderful, daily workbook that improves Grammar and Writing retention and provides consistent practice of concepts. Simple Solutions works in cycles: after every 4 lessons, there is a quiz. On quiz days, the students will turn in their books for that week’s grading.

**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 from 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 begin working on their research papers 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 5 to 10 minutes to work on their Vocabulary Notebooks.

**Classroom set up**

Students will be reacquainted and gain more knowledge of literary elements through: daily readings, weekly assignments and quizzes, end of unit test, 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.

**Accelerated Reader Point Requirements**

 6th – 18 points per quarter

 7th – 23 points per quarter

 8th – 28 points per quarter

**Missing and Late Assignment Policy**

Students have one day to get late assignments turned in to the teacher. They will receive 10 points off their grade for it being one day late and it will be logged as a late assignment. Any work turned in 2 or more days late will receive ½ credit. Any assignment not tuned in will be logged as missing until the assignment is turned into the teacher.

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