

Miss Chickey's Language Arts Rules & Assignments

Classroom Rules

Cooperate and do your best

Hand in work on time

Always show respect

Materials are ready

Participate in discussions

Stay positive, success is the key!

AR Requirement (1st Marking Period)

Students are required to take and pass (70% or above) at least two books and AR tests at your student's reading level, during the 1st marking period as well as take a test on their one summer reading book (3 tests). I will count each of the three AR scores as a test grade in reading. Your student will receive a bookmark for use throughout the year with your student's "zone of proximal development," a reading level that should be just right (not too hard and not too easy). Students can take tests on books they check out from the school library, classroom library, or guided reading books that we read during class. You can search for books on your student's reading level by going to the school website and click the AR Book Finder link.

Reading Log

Students are required to complete at least 20 minutes of reading and complete a summary that corresponds to what the student read during that time every Monday and Wednesday night. Please document the pages, amount of minutes and title of book on the log sheet stapled to the cover of the composition notebook. I grade these logs based on the student's ability and expect each student's best work. I evaluate neatness, completion and summary. A good summary would provide a brief, short version of the pages the student read with details the student found important. I expect a paragraph of at least 4-5 sentences and would like the students to limit their writing to about a page because it is supposed to be summary (short version).

Bi-monthly Book Reports

Book reports are required every other month, starting in October, with due dates posted on my website and documented in your student's planner at the beginning of each month. Book reports will count toward the student's test/project grade worth 40% of their reading grade. Books selected should be a chapter book or novel that is on the student's reading level. A log should be kept in the student's reading log to keep track of events happening throughout the book, making the report easier to complete. (This can and should count as reading logs required for Monday and Wednesday.) Book reports will be presented in class on the due date.

*The purpose of these assignments is to provide students with different opportunities to respond to books. Please encourage your student to focus on one or two books at a time. *

Please sign and detach so I know you received and read the requirements for language arts this year. Thank you! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Jennifer Chickey

Parent Name

Date