

Mrs. Smith's Syllabus

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Procedures:

Please click on the applicable buttons for needed information and policies.

[Student Handbook](#)

[Mrs. Smith's Site](#)

ELA

SUPPLIES:

- ☐ Charged Chromebook
- ☐ Student Planner
- ☐ Notebooks/Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Independent Reading Novel
- ☐ Positive Attitude 😊

UNITS:

READING:

Short Stories
Nonfiction Articles
Novels

WRITING:

Grammar
Journaling
Paragraphs/Essays

LISTENING & SPEAKING:

Socratic Seminars
Presentations
FlipGrid (online)

*Not limited to only listed



Late work Policy

50% deduction for assignments outside of a week late, but up until the unit assessment.

I have a basic classroom rule: **Be kind.**

That's it. Be kind to your classmates, your teachers, your equipment, and yourself.

All assignments due at midnight.

10% deduction for assignments turned in up to 48 hours late.

25% deduction if turned in within week.

Plagiarism:

Definition: the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.

Students caught plagiarizing will be given a ZERO for the assignment and parents and administration will be notified. Retakes and re-do's WILL NOT be allowed on plagiarized assignments/tests/quizzes.

8th Grade

Units:

all items on this list are subject to change

Short Stories:

- "The Monkey's Paw"
- "The Tell-Tale Heart"
- "The Treasure of Lemon Brown"
- "Flowers for Algernon"
- "The Landlady"

novels:

- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
 - *Restart* by Gordon Korman
 - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
 - *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
 - Book Clubs!

Writing Units:

- Mentor Sentences/Grammar
- Paragraph Development
- Reading Responses to Literature
- Narrative Writing – Personal Stories
- Argument Writing – Claims and responses
- Explanatory/Informational Writing

technology:

- Google Classroom Utilization
 - FlipGrid
 - PearDeck
 - iXL
- Google Suite for Education
 - Blooket
 - Quizziz
 - Kahoot
- *Any new site that comes up!

Don't forget to Remember!

AUGUST

School Is
In session!
8/23: Sports Pictures
@2:30pm

SEPTEMBER

9/6: No School
9/14: Picture Day
9/20: No School

OCTOBER

10/1: Homecoming
10/14: End of 1st 9 weeks
10/15: No School
10/19 & 10/21: PTC
10/22: No School

NOVEMBER

11/1: MS Bball Picture
11/8: No School
11/24-11/26:
Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

12/17: End of 2nd 9 weeks
Early Release @ 1:30
12/20-1/3: No School
Christmas Break

JANUARY

1/4: School Resumes
1/13: MS Spelling Bee
1/17: No School

FEBRUARY

2/14: No School
2/21 & 2/24: PTC @ 4
2/25: No School
Father/Daughter Dance

MARCH

3/8: Picture Day
3/10: End of 3rd 9 Weeks
3/11: No School
3/14 – 3/18: Spring Break

APRIL

4/15 & 4/18: Easter Break
No School
4/21: Evening with the
Arts

MAY

5/20: End of 4th 9 weeks
Early Release @ 1:30
School Is Out!

District calendar