

Re: Reading Standards for 7th Grade

Dear Parents,

Welcome to seventh grade literature. This class is dedicated to helping your child improve his or her reading skills and become better readers. One of our first tasks is to identify your child's reading level and with that knowledge, determine a plan to best improve your child's reading skills.

To identify current reading levels, students will complete an i-Ready assessment. This online reading measurement tool will help determine your child's current reading level and provide a baseline in which to use to monitor your child's reading progress throughout the rest of the year. With the i-Ready test results, we will be able to individualize reading instruction to best assist your child. Students will take the test at least three times throughout the year.

We encourage your child to read each day for approximately 20 minutes. Accelerated Reader is the program we will use to monitor independent reading. We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child to read on a daily basis. Your emphasis on the importance of having good reading skills will have a long-lasting positive effect.

Another element that will be stressed this year is the process of students **citing text evidence**. The process of citing evidence requires students to read a passage, read the questions that pertain to the passage, respond to the question in complete sentences, and most importantly, cite text evidence that is apparent in the passage and answers the question correctly. Numerous assignments that your child will complete will include questions which require the citing of text evidence.

When it comes to the citing of text evidence, we would like for the student to quote the text. Citing text evidence means using quotation marks to identify the text that was taken directly from a passage. This concept of citing text evidence takes some students a good deal of practice to master. It is an important seventh grade standard that we will practice and hopefully master by the end of the year.

I look forward to working with and getting to know your child better. It is my sincerest hope that your child will enjoy literature, and more importantly, demonstrate a positive growth with his or her reading.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Johnson

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