


Basic Middle School English Course Outline

Mrs. Seagraves – Room #37

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Tools Needed Each Day

- 3-Ring binder (5 dividers, notebook paper) 
- Erasable pen or pencil
- Notecards
- Knowledge of student login for PlusPortals student account
- Assigned textbooks and workbooks

Attendance Policy –

Student is counted absent and reported to the office at the tardy bell.

Bathroom Policy –

Student will be allowed 3 bathroom passes to **B Hall bathrooms** during the semester.

Grading Policy

- **60%** - Assessments (Interactive Reader Benchmark and Unit tests, Wordly Wise 3000 vocabulary tests)
- **30%** - Homework, quizzes, class assignments (Wordly Wise 3000 vocabulary lessons, Write Source exercises, text analysis, writing exercises, projects)
- **10%** - Binder checks (Article critiques, bell ringers, weekly-task check sheets)

Homework Policy

- Wordly Wise 3000 vocabulary lessons will be assigned for completion **outside** of class. Lessons will be assigned in class on Monday and through the Remind 101 app or student email. Vocabulary lessons are due **each Thursday**.
- Excused absences will have the same number of days missed to return homework. (For example, if a student misses two days of class, he or she may have two additional days to turn in homework/classwork.)
- Late homework will be accepted for a deduction of 5 points per class day.

Test Retake Policy

Students will be able to re-take **vocabulary tests** only.

Students scoring a C or lower on a vocabulary exam may retake the exam for half (0.5) points per question missed. Homework must be completed on time to be eligible for a retest on an assessment. Re-assessments will happen during class and must be taken before the next test is given.

Cell Phone/Computer Policy

Cell phones will be placed in the cell phone "caddy" on the classroom closet door at the beginning of class. Computers will be used during reading exercises each week, but are otherwise off limits unless assigned by Mrs. Seagraves

Extra Credit Policy

Mrs. Seagraves will always allow extra credit assignments to be turned in for students who ask!

1st Nine Weeks

Holt McDougal Interactive Reader Book 7
Grammar Practice (continued)
Wordly Wise 3000 Book 7

2nd Nine Weeks

Holt McDougal Interactive Reader Book 7
Six Steps of Writing: The Essay
Wordly Wise 3000 Book 7

Ongoing

Daily bell-ringers, weekly-task check sheets, article critique, text analysis, independent reading/listening