

Ms. Exterkamp's Reading Class Syllabus Spring 2008

This class is designed to develop and refine reading strategies in students to help them in all future endeavors, educational or otherwise. In order for this class to be successful, all students must approach the class with an open mind and desire to succeed.

If ever a student or parent needs to reach me, feel free to email me at ashley.exterkamp@browardschools.com. I can also be reached by phone through the school's main office at 754-322-1400. Email is my preferred method of communication, as I can check it often throughout the day and over the weekend.

Each student must bring the following supplies to class daily:

1. At least two pens or pencils
2. One three ring binder and blank notebook paper
3. One notebook with lined paper (spiral or composition)
4. An open mind

In order to create a safe learning environment, students must follow these rules:

1. Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and the school's property.
2. Come to class on time and prepared for learning.
3. Sit quietly in your assigned seat, unless otherwise directed.
4. Class discussion must be appropriate and conducive to learning.
5. Follow directions promptly.

Consequences for breaking these rules will be as follows:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Teacher/Student Conference and Seat Change
3. Call Home
4. Conference with Reading Coordinator and Parents
5. Detention
6. Referral to guidance or administration

Alternatively, students also have the opportunity to earn rewards, such as extra credit points.

Students' report card grades will be based on classwork, test scores, notebook, and class participation. The grade will be based on the following formula:

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| 1. Classwork 30% | 4. Class participation 15% |
| 2. Tests/Exams 30% | 5. Notebook/Portfolio 10% |
| 3. Timed readings 15% | |

The class will follow a daily routine, as follows:

1. Walk into classroom quietly.
2. Put your backpack under your desk
3. Have individual supplies ready.
4. Read the agenda for the day
5. Begin Starter assignment on your own.
6. Quietly wait for further instruction.

Exams and Makeup work:

Students are expected to be present for all tests and expected to receive a satisfactory grade on all examinations. Students must make up any missed exams by appointment before or after school preferably within two days of returning to school.

In order for students to have adequate time to finish makeup work, the School Board mandates that students be allowed two days for every day the student is absent. **Make-up work can be found on the class website www.monarchknights.com/teachers/exterkamp.html**

Attendance and Class Participation:

Students must understand that since activities and discussion play an important part in the course, regular and prompt attendance is required. Students will be awarded for class participation points for daily discussion, assignments, and projects that will help determine the final grade.

Notebook and Student Portfolio:

Students must bring an orderly notebook and journal to class everyday. Students are responsible for keeping their notebooks and portfolios up-to-date and complete at all times. Students will be awarded points for their notebooks and portfolios at the end of each semester.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the syllabus and agree to abide by its rules:

Student signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____