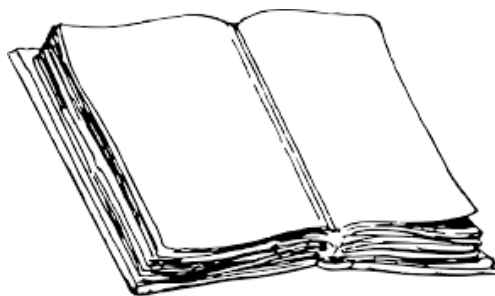


5th Grade Language Arts Syllabus



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About Our Class:

In this class, we cover 3 subjects: reading, grammar, and writing. We use several different resources including the Journeys curriculum, novels, short stories, poems, and other online publications. We will cover a number of skills and strategies. We will assess our knowledge of these skills about every two weeks through a reading test. Most of the time I will try to give tests on Fridays, but our schedule is subject to change depending on school events, school cancellations, or if more time is needed to ensure the content has been sufficiently covered.

Instructional Philosophy: I believe all students can learn. I believe all students deserve a quality education that challenges them to grow academically and spiritually. I believe in providing a safe and supportive environment where students can ask questions and explore ideas. I believe in having high expectations.

Course Assessment Plan: All assignments are due on the due date. Though I do not take off points for lateness, I will enter a zero in the gradebook until the assignment is complete. Students will be assessed using the following: classwork, quizzes, projects, book reports, and pre/post tests.

Homework Policy: Students can expect daily assignments. They will be given some time to work on the assignment in class. However, if the assignment is not done by the end of the class period, they are expected to complete it as homework. It is your child's responsibility to write down the assignment in his/her planner. Student planners should be referred to on a daily basis. Students are also expected to read a minimum of 15 minutes a night.

Quarterly Book Report: Students are required to complete one book report each quarter. This will be a part of their quarter grade. More information will be coming home about book reports soon.

Classroom Expectations: In order for students to learn and achieve SEAS high expectations, all students are expected to follow the SEAS Way:

1. We are *kind*.

2. We are *respectful*.
3. We are *honest*
4. We *serve* others.
5. We do our *best*.

Parent-Teacher Communication: Most communication will be in the form of emails and my teacher page on the SEAS website (<https://seas-school.org/ms-sullivan-5th-grade-class-page>). However, I may also call or send letters home in Friday Folders.

eLearning/Quarantine: If we need to go to an eLearning format or for students in quarantine, we will use Google Classroom to find assignments and submit work.

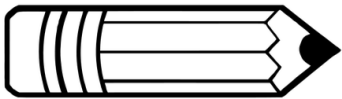
Graded Work: Graded work will be sent home in a SEAS folder on Fridays. Please look through these papers with your child when they come home so you both can see your child's progress.

Band Lessons: If your child leaves for a band lesson, it is his/her responsibility to find out what he/she missed and complete it at another time.

40 Book Challenge: Students will participate in the *40 Books 1 Year Challenge*. This year your child will complete a reading log, detailing each chapter book he/she reads. For each chapter book your child reads, he/she will receive a bead to put on our challenge board. Though this challenge isn't graded, students who complete the challenge will be allowed to pick a \$5 book from Scholastic at the end of the year.

Questions/Concerns: I believe we are partners in your child's education, therefore communication is key. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. I respond to emails and phone calls within 24 hours unless it is the weekend.

**** This syllabus is subject to change.****



Please sign, date, and return this syllabus so I know you have received and understood the information.

Student's Name _____

parent signature

date

student signature

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