

**Mrs. Ellis**

## **English Language Arts Syllabus 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Grading:**

ALL assignments are worth 100 points. We will have the following weights:

- Classwork & Homework counts 1 time per assignment
- Quizzes count 2 times per quiz
- Tests count 3 times per test
- Projects will count 2 times per project

### **Late Work Policy:**

Assignment not turned in by the due date will be subject to the following:

- 1 day late -10% off of student's final grade
- 2 days late -20% off of student's final grade
- 3 days late -30% off of student's final grade
- After three days, the assignment will remain a zero

### **Grade Scale:**

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

59 and below F

In Language Arts, we will use the reading/writing workshop model to read and analyze a variety of fictional and nonfictional genres. You will learn accountable talk, literary analysis, enrich your vocabulary, and sharpen your writing skills. You will work in small groups and take part in whole-class conversations. You can find out more about the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum at NCDPI.

It is required that all students have at least one book they love at all times. We will be checking books out of the media center and will use a variety of texts throughout the school year. Please help me help your child to learn the love for reading.

### **Homework:**

Students will frequently be assigned homework. This will be graded. It will consist of:

- Reading
- Reading Response
- Studying word stems
- Projects
- Notebook Check Preparation
- Studying for assessments
- Completing unfinished classwork

### **Communication:**

I will communicate mainly through email and Canvas. Students are already a part of their course. Parents/Guardians are permitted to be observers.

The quickest response to a question will be through email: [amy.ellis@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:amy.ellis@ucps.k12.nc.us) You can also call and leave a message at 704.296.3009.

Grades are updated on a regular basis. Reports cards are sent home every 6 weeks.

### **Classroom Rules**

Our rules are simple & follow the school PBIS Model.

Students will be SET for learning. We will be:

- Self-Directed
- Engaged in Learning , and
- Trustworthy