**Sun Valley Middle School**

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**Language Arts Syllabus**

***2019-2020 School Year***

**Instructor Information**

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**General Information**

Welcome to Sun Valley Middle School! This year students will be mastering language arts concepts in Vocabulary Usage, Reading, and Writing. They will use independent skills and collaboration to bring a real-life connection to their studies. We will incorporate Global Studies through our reading assignments.

**Students will complete a book report or book project EVERY THREE WEEKS. Due dates will coincide closely with progress reports and the last day of the grading period. Please see book project options on following page.**

**Classroom Expectations**

Students should come to class prepared to learn, with completed homework assignments, paper, writing utensils (pencil, black or blue ink pens), and their chrome books. In our classroom we will respect each other, support each other, and most importantly, learn from each other.

**Learning Requirements:**

* Reading Literature
* Reading Informational Text
* Writing
* Speaking and Listening

Students are expected to be engaged in class and participate in all lessons.  All assignments are to be submitted by the due date.  Students are required to read for 30 minutes every night as part of their independent reading practice, and to complete any other work assigned by their teacher.

**Required SUPPLIES:**2- Composition Notebooks, 2 packs of #2 wooden pencils (will stay in Homeroom), lined paper

**Requested Materials:**If you would like to donate supplies to the classroom, we would appreciate any of the following items… facial tissues, pencils, lined paper and cleaning wipes.

**Tutoring Days and Hours:**

Tutoring will be available for struggling students on Thursday mornings from 8-8:30. Please contact me in advance if your child plans on attending.

**Grading Policy:**

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| Classwork/Homework | Calculated as one grade. |
| Quizzes & AR Tests | Calculated as one grade. |
| Tests, Projects, and book reports | Calculated as two grades. |

**Grading Scale: 90-100 A; 80-89 B; 70-79 C; 60-69 D; Below 60 F.**

**Late Work Policy: School Policy**

**Sun Valley Middle School Late Work Policy:**

* **All assignments are expected to be turned in by the Due Date which must be posted in Power School next to the assignment name. Assignments not turned in by the Due Date will be penalized for up to 3 days.**
* **Day 1- Late Work Penalty: may earn no more than 90%**
* **Day 2- Late Work Penalty: may earn no more than 80%**
* **Day 3 (DEADLINE)- Late Work Penalty: may earn no more than 70%**
* **The DEADLINE is 3 days beyond the Due Date and no work will be accepted beyond that point. Special consideration may be given to students who request it in writing to their teacher. This will be a teacher decision under those circumstances.**

**Pacing Guide:**

**1st Nine Weeks:**

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.3 Plot and Character

Writing 6.3 Narratives

**2nd Nine Weeks:**

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.1 Inferences

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.9 Genre Studies

Writing 6.2 Informative/Explanatory Texts

**3rd Nine Weeks:**

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.2 Main Idea/Theme

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.5 Text Structure

Reading Informational Text 6.8 Argument

Writing 6.1 Argument

**4th Nine Weeks:**

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.6 Point of View

Reading Literature/Reading Informational Text 6.7 Author’s Purpose

Writing 6.7 Research