

Grade 7 Reading
Mrs. Noecker
Class Description and Course Requirements

Welcome to Reading. This class is a supplemental reading program. It is designed to provide students with additional support in the area of reading so that he/she will be successful and confident in his/her content area classes.

The overall goal of the class is to provide students with explicit instruction in the areas of comprehension, vocabulary, reading fluency, and word decoding. All lessons are developed using the Massachusetts Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy.

Students will be presented with a range of reading genres such as realistic fiction, historical fiction, adventure, and mysteries. They will also read nonfiction text as well such as biographies, autobiographies, and informational text. Students will also be reading short stories as well as poetry.

Through these various texts, students will learn comprehension strategies to help them become more active readers so they can construct meaning from the text.

- Students will be able to ask questions about a text as he/she reads.
- Students will clarify any misunderstandings as he/she reads.
- Students will be able to make connections to what he/she is reading.
- He/she will be able to make real world connections as well as connections to stories previously read.
- Students will be able to visualize the text to support his/her Understanding.

Vocabulary Instruction

- Students will learn strategies to help him/her understand new vocabulary words while reading.
- Students will learn word parts such as prefixes and suffixes to help identify a new word's meaning.

Fluency

- Students will be able to quickly and accurately decode new words.
- Students will read using expression in order to aid in comprehension.
- Students will use a just right pace while reading.

Reading class meets every day in the seventh grade. I expect that students will have an independent reading book with them at all times. The expectation is that students come into the classroom and begin reading right away. Homework is not given in this class unless someone needs additional time to finish an assignment. I do expect that students read each night in order to practice the strategies which are being taught in class.

Students' oral reading will be assessed each month using a Curriculum Based Measurement. This assessment will look at his/her oral reading fluency and will give a snapshot of his/her understanding of what was read. Students' growth will be tracked and monitored.

Grades will be based on all classwork assignments, summative assessments, independent reading as well as effort.

It is expected that students will follow all classroom rules and act in a respectful manner towards myself and his/her classmates.

I am looking forward to a successful year as I work with your children. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at anoecker@milfordma.com
My extra help day is Thursday.