**7th Grade Reading**

*“I have always imagined that paradise will be a type of library.”- Jorge Louis Borges*

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**Website:** <http://demarestsd.schoolwires.net/Domain/422>

*You can find most of the information, documents, and web resources you will need on the Reading page on Ms. Ruberto’s website. Check there first before emailing Ms. Ruberto.*

**In Class Expectations and Behavior Protocol**

Ms. Ruberto’s expectation is that every student works hard and is kind towards others.  The famous educator Harry Wong states, “The one who works is the one who learns.”  To be successful in reading, you are going to have to work hard, study hard, and try your best. Your class participation grade will reflect your individual performance and behavior.

Room 112’s rules and procedures are consistent with language arts; no matter which class, the rules and procedures of room 112 remain the same. Please refer to the seventh grade team’s behavior contract for the rules and consequences of any behavioral problem.

**Materials**
Writing utensils
Post-its
Novel- you are required to bring your copy of the novel you are reading to class each day, and keep it in the condition in which you received it. If you lose the novel or damage it, you will have to pay to replace the novel at the end of the marking period.
Computer- use will be permitted as per appropriate direction from Ms. Ruberto. You will set up a folder for reading class where you will take notes and complete assignments.

**Grading Policy:
Major Assessments (including most tests, projects, long-term writing, etc.) - 50%**

* Ms. Ruberto will announce all major assessments in advance. They will also be posted on the *Homework Calendar* found on Ms. Ruberto’s website.
* If a student receives below a 65 on a major assessment, he/she may make an appointment with Ms. Ruberto to make corrections to receive a passing grade.

**Minor Assessments (including most quizzes, short-term writing pieces, in-class assignments, literature circle discussions, etc.) – 30%**

* See major assessments

**Homework– 10%**

* Homework must be completed and handed in when due. If a homework assignment is late one day, the student will receive partial credit. If an assignment is not handed in, full credit is lost. ***If you are absent,*** it is your responsibility to make up any missing classwork and homework, which is due the following day upon return.
* Ms. Ruberto will update each student’s homework grade on Realtime weekly and list any missing or late homework in the comment section for the grade. Students and parents should check the portal regularly to stay up to date on outstanding assignments. Please remember that if a homework assignment is completed by the due date, and is handed in the following day, it will be graded as late.

 **Class Participation – 10%**

* An important part of learning is coming to class prepared with the necessary materials and participating in class activities. In order to gain all ten points for class participation, students should participate in class discussions and activities appropriately every day. This grade also reflects classroom behavior, such as off-task behaviors.

**Technology**

Throughout the year, there are times when students can use their laptops to take notes, work on writing pieces, use websites, and other classroom activities or projects. However, students must follow the teacher’s directions as to when and how they may use their technology on a daily basis. Any student who is playing games, sending messages, using a network other than the school’s wireless network, or using his/her technology in any inappropriate manner may lose the privilege to use personal technology in the classroom at the teacher’s discretion, along with a loss in class participation points.

**Absence and Homework/Test Policy**

 It is crucial that you complete the homework assigned daily and thoroughly. The homework is posted on Ms. Ruberto’s website under “Homework.” ***If you are absent,*** it is your responsibility to make up any missing classwork and homework, which is due the following day upon return. You can do this in one of the following ways:

1. Check Ms. Ruberto’s website- the homework calendar and the current unit’s section for class notes and assignments.
2. Contact Ms. Ruberto via email (rubertod@nvnet.org)
3. Visit Ms. Ruberto in the morning or after school to discuss what was missed.

If you are absent the day of a quiz or a test, you must speak with Ms. Ruberto and discuss a day to make it up.

**Extra Help**Ms. Ruberto is always willing to give extra help to any student who may need it. Please schedule an appointment with Ms. Ruberto either in the morning or after school.