

## **Middle School Grammar and Writing Syllabus**

**Mary Bordelon**

This class will focus on grammar and writing. Grammar will be taught both independently and as a part of the writing process. Students will be engaged in developing their writing abilities as we work through the writing process to produce various pieces such as personal narratives, descriptive essays, short stories, and research papers.

### **Texts/Workbooks:**

Loyola Press: *Voyages in English: Grammar and Writing*

Loyola Press: *Voyages in English: Grammar and Writing Practice Book*

*Simple Solutions: English Grammar and Writing Mechanics*

### **Class Work and Homework:**

Students should expect homework daily. Homework will be designed to reinforce the lessons learned previously in class. Some of the types of classwork we will be working on this year include:

- Personal Narratives, Persuasive & Expository Writing, Research work
- Writing Workshops
- Daily Oral Language (D.O.L.)
- Journals

### **Tests/Quizzes**

Throughout the year, students will be tested and quizzed on course content in grammar and writing assignments in class and assigned projects.

### **Formal Learning Assessments:**

- 1) Multiple Choice / True / False Tests
- 2) Short Answer Tests
- 3) Essays (Test and take home assignments)
- 4) Project Based Assignments

### **Grading Policy:**

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned each class and checked on the following class day. Each homework assignment is worth 5 points. Each student will be given one homework "Oops" pass per quarter to be used carefully. Students not using their passes will be given 5 bonus points on their homework grade at the end of the quarter.

**Tests & quizzes:** Tests and quizzes will be given to assess the knowledge of material covered in class. Students will be given notice in advance of an upcoming test. Grammar and Writing tests and quizzes will be averaged as the English grade on the report cards.

**Journals:** Students will complete journal entries in class..

**Please contact me throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.**

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## **Middle School Reading and Vocabulary Syllabus**

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Our reading class creates readers and writers who are able to comprehend a variety of selections then analyze, synthesize, and apply what they read through writing and speaking in a clearly developed manner. Since our reading curriculum in Middle School is literature based, each class will be assigned a minimum of one novel per quarter. These novels must be purchased through the school. You will be informed of the cost of each book. Current students will not be allowed to use books from previous students.

Our vocabulary class enhances a student's working vocabulary and comprehension skills. We will use the Sadlier *Vocabulary Workshop Series* for each appropriate grade level. Units will be completed over 8 to 10 school days and tests will be given at the end of each unit. Occasional quizzes will be given within a unit.

### **Classroom Goals**

- 1) Read and analyze a variety of genres in class and independently.
- 2) Successfully apply various reading strategies for comprehension.
- 3) Write clear, well-developed essays, reports, etc. to enhance comprehension and build the student's knowledge base.

### **Class Expectations**

- 1) Read assigned selections and complete comprehension activities such as tests, essays, projects, summaries, journals, etc.
- 2) Complete daily readings, questions, written assignments, constructed-response quizzes and objective / essay test.
- 3) Participate in class readings/discussions and group work.
- 4) Learn and apply comprehension skills and literary terminology.
- 5) Apply the vocabulary learned throughout the year.

## **Formal Learning Assessments**

- 5) Novel readings and discussions / Questions
- 6) Multiple Choice / True / False Tests
- 7) Short Answer Tests
- 8) Essays (Test and take home assignments)
- 9) Project Based Assignments

## **Grading Policy:**

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned each class and checked on the following class day. Each homework assignment is worth 5 points. Each student will be given one homework "Oops" pass per quarter to be used carefully. Students not using their passes will be given 5 bonus points on their homework grade at the end of the quarter.

**Tests & quizzes:** Tests and quizzes will be given to assess the knowledge of material covered in class. Students will be given notice in advance of an upcoming test. Reading and Vocabulary tests and quizzes will be averaged as the Reading grade on the report cards.

**Journals:** Students will complete journal entries in class.

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