

7<sup>th</sup> Grade English/language Arts

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA at Garry Middle School. I am looking forward to working with your student this year. It is very important that everyone does their best this year and is successful. This year in our SpringBoard text we will explore the theme of choices. Students will read and write a variety of genres around that theme. Students will also be required to read outside of class. We will be establishing goals and celebrating their success as they reach their reading goals. Another teacher, Mrs. O'Reilly is also in our classroom to provide additional support for our students. In addition, this year we are fortunate to have a student teacher from Washington State University with us. Miss Regen will be with us two days a week until January, when she will be full time.

### **Expectations and Procedures:**

I have established classroom guidelines and procedures. Your student has been taught these and we have been practicing our routines in the classroom.

A few key points include:

Remember the Garry 3 Rs: Respect, Readiness, and Responsibility.

Kindness and courtesy will be shown to everyone.

Participate in your learning. Complete your assignments.

Come to class prepared, on time and sit in your assigned seat.

Follow all school rules **including electronics policies**.

- ❖ You can use your cellphones and headphones before school, during lunch and after school, not in the halls or classrooms. Unless we are using them for a classroom activity.
- ❖ Your phone may be confiscated by a teacher or staff member if it is out for anything other than an emergency.



Students will be writing their assignments in their planner and using the calendar to note key dates.

### Required materials

- ✓ Bring 3 ring binder every day
- ✓ **Laptop and charger**
- ✓ Lined notebook paper
- ✓ Pencil and pen
- ✓ GMS Planner
- ✓ RAVENS READ novel: may check out from school library, my classroom shelves or bring one from home.
- ✓ SpringBoard text will be assigned and can be stored in the classroom.



**Absences:** Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. Students may have as many days as they were gone to make up the work. Students should check with the teacher or other students to update their planner. Handouts are filed and kept on the counter for students who were absent or need copies. Help is available after school Monday-Thursday.

**Grading:** Parents are encouraged to track student grades in PowerSchool. Late work is accepted with full credit for students who have excused absences. Missing assignments may be turned in a week before the grading period ends with a slight deduction in points.

| Spokane Public Schools<br>Middle School<br>Grading Scale |          |     |
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| A  | 93-100   | 4   |
| A-   | 90-92    | 3.7 |
| B+   | 87-89    | 3.3 |
| B  | 83-86    | 3.0 |
| B-   | 80-82    | 2.7 |
| C+   | 77-79    | 2.3 |
| C  | 73-76    | 2.0 |
| C-   | 70-72    | 1.7 |
| D+   | 67-69    | 1.3 |
| D  | 60-66    | 1   |
| F  | Below 60 | 0   |

