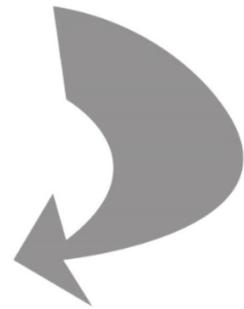


# English Language Arts

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher:  
Mrs. Donna Weirauch



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## Classroom Overview:

Welcome to your seventh grade year, I am so excited to have you with us here at Garry Middle School! This year you will be asked to push yourself academically and most importantly to always **TRY**. If you aren't successful at first, that's okay! It is the willingness to continue trying that makes us better learners. My goal is to help you become better readers, writers, and critical thinkers. Together, we can make this year a great one. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts we use the Springboard Curriculum, and our overarching theme for seventh grade is "Choices." This theme will guide our readings and writing throughout the four units. You will be reading a lot this year, so if you haven't really enjoyed reading in the past, I'm excited to help you change your mind.



## Classwork:



- **Daily Work: (10 pts each)** This includes most of the assignments we will do in the classroom. You are expected to finish the assignments at home if you do not complete them during the time given to you in class.
- **Embedded Assessments: (40 pts each)** There are two Embedded Assessments per unit. They might be an essay, project, creative writing piece, etc.
- **AR Goal: (40 pts)** You are required to read at least 20 minutes every night. Each quarter you will have an AR Goal that will be tied to your grade. You will earn points by taking AR Tests and passing them with a 65% or higher.



## Missing/Late Work:

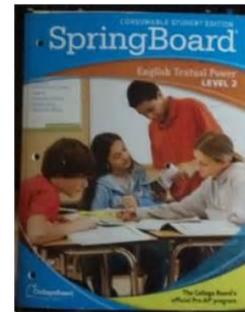
- **Missing assignments** will be entered as a 50% (F) until made-up.
- **Absences** happen. It is your responsibility to get the work and or/notes you missed which can be found on the wall calendar. Make sure to follow up with a conversation with me as well.
- **Late work** will be accepted until the Embedded Assessment for that particular unit.



## Online Grades:

Grades will be updated at least every 2 weeks on PowerSchool. Parents/guardians and students may access student grades anytime by using the PowerSchool app or using their log-in at [www.spokaneschools.org/students](http://www.spokaneschools.org/students) then clicking on "PowerSchool." If you don't know your PowerSchool log-in, please contact your counselor or the main office.

## Materials



We will use be using our Springboard books frequently. Treat this book respectfully, you will need it the entire year.



3 inch 3-ring binder, zipper pouch, pencil, pen, highlighter, planner, divider tab for Language Arts, loose leaf paper, A.R. book, Springboard book



Students will always need an independent novel. They will bring it to class everyday, and will be expected to read for 20 minutes every night.

## Behavior Policies

1. Personal electronic devices must be powered off and out of sight.
2. Be in your seat at the bell with materials out and ready to go.
3. Work **diligently** on the given task. When you finish, your next assignment is reading your AR book.
4. Be proactive in your learning: ask questions, listen attentively, try!

## Expectations

We are *Ready* to learn.  
We are *Responsible* for our own learning and for ensuring others can learn.  
We are *Respectful* of ourselves and others at all times.

## \*Always THINK\*

- T:** Is it True?  
**H:** Is it Helpful?  
**I:** Is it Inspiring?  
**N:** Is it Necessary?  
**K:** Is it Kind?

