

Course Syllabus

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Class: Writing 7

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Course Description

This course will give students the opportunity to write every day following the writing process. Students will incorporate the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing to improve their individual writing skills. Forms of creative and descriptive writing will be emphasized.

Materials Needed (should be brought to class each day)

- a one inch 3-ring Writing binder
- loose-leaf paper
- pens (various colors for editing) and a pencil

Academic and Behavioral Expectations

The class period is approximately 45 minutes long. There will be several guided and independent activities that will take place in that time. It is expected that the student work within Wahoo Middle School's academic and behavioral expectations. (see below) One part of the student's grade will be based on individual writing completed. Due to the wide range of styles of writing experimented within class (fiction, poetry, letters, memoirs), there will not be specific due dates for each piece of writing, but generally, a student should turn in a piece of writing every 1 ½ to 2 weeks. Grammar, genre & writing lessons will be taught 3-5 times a week.

Wahoo Middle School Academic Expectations

- *Be on time and prepared for learning*
- *Complete assigned tasks on time*
- *Strive for academic success*
- *Use work time productively*
- *Respect people and property*
- *Respond appropriately to staff directives*

Grading

The Writing grade is divided into two categories: Individual Writing (65%), Grammar/Genre/Writing notes & assignments (35%). Notes and assignments will be graded on a 10-point scale. All other items (quizzes, tests, individual writing rubric) will be graded on a 100-point scale.

Additional Information

If a student misses class, getting the notes, activity sheets and assignments is the student's responsibility. Extra copies of assignments can be found on the table by the teacher's desk. The student can ask questions or seek additional help outside of class before school, during study hall, and after school. In addition, the student can call the teacher at home in the evening if needed.

Calendar of assignments (subject to change)

There will be...

- A minimum of four pieces of writing turned in each quarter
- Grammar, genre and writing skills activities & notes
- A writing portfolio

"When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments:
Tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become."
Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) French Scientist