**The Art of Reading 2019-2020**

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**Course Overview:**

This course will expose you to a number of different reading strategies that are all aimed at improving each of your reading abilities. This course will help to give you the foundational knowledge that you need to be successful in high school and beyond. I am here to assist you through each step and answer any and all questions you may have. If you make an effort with each assignment and participate in class, I can assure you success in this course.

**Student Expectations:**

* Respect each other and the teacher, whether in group discussion or simply in the way one person speaks to another in casual conversation
* Come to class prepared every day, having done the reading, homework, or whatever has been required for the success of the class period. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to ask for your work, AFTER you have checked Moodle. I will not track you down to give you make-up work.
* Bring texts and other materials (paper, pens, highlighters, etc.) everyday so that they have the necessary tools at hand to succeed.
* Use electronics responsibly and appropriately in the classroom. Do not take out a device unless instructed to do so.
* Communicate regularly with me regarding sports, or other activities/needs which may detract from the class time/homework/reading time.
* Give a full effort every day. Some days will be harder than others but approach each class with a positive outlook.

**What texts and materials will I need?**

1. Novels as assigned - Novels need to be purchased as paperbacks where stated
   1. Fall Semester – *Lost in the Barrens* by Farley Mowat (copies will be provided)
   2. Spring Semester – *Theodore Boone* by John Grisham (paperback)
2. Three-ring binder

***Students should keep all assignments until the end-of-the-semester grades are completed.***

1. Pens, pencil, paper, whiteout, highlighters, etc.

**Moodle and Remind 101**

I use Moodle to post all assignments and the weekly schedule. Make sure you check it weekly.I also use Remind 101 to send you texts to remind you of important information. To join the class, please text 81010 with the message @artofre

**Makeup/Late work policy:**

If you are absent, you have as many days as you were absent to turn in assignments, if you don’t turn in the assignment by that date, it is late. It is your responsibility to keep track of your assignments. Late homework will be accepted up to the day of a unit exam/project for a MAXIMUM of half credit (50%). If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check Moodle for the day’s work.

**Tutoring:**

I am available for tutoring Monday through Thursday after school for additional help, questions, or makeup tests. I will also make myself available before school or at lunch if you make arrangements with me ahead of time.

**Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

Plagiarism is defined as the act of using another person’s words or ideas without giving credit to that person (Merriam-Webster, 10th edition). If you plagiarize an assignment, you will automatically receive a zero for the assignment, your parents will contacted, the Dean of Curriculum will be notified, and a note will be added to Aeries. If you plagiarize a second assignment, per school rules, you will receive an F for the semester. Copying homework assignments is academic dishonesty and will be treated as plagiarism (this also applies to the student who gave you their work). Any academically dishonest assignment cannot be made up.

**Technology**

* You must bring your Chromebook to class daily. It must be charged and ready for you to do work. If you do not bring your Chromebook to class and an assignment is due, you will not be allowed to make it up. Your Chromebook is a tool for completing work; if you play games, listen to music, or visit websites that are not related to the class, I will give you a zero for the assignment we are working on, and you will not be allowed to make it up.
* Cell phones are not permitted for any reason in class. They will be collected at the beginning of the period. If you fail to turn in your phone or attempt to use it in class, I will confiscate it for the day and turn it over to the Dean of Students to be held until after school, and you will be issued an hour of detention.

**Grading breakdown:**

1. **Exams and assessments (30% of overall grade):** Test and quizzes consist of unit tests, vocabulary quizzes, and quizzes on stories, poems, and writing breakdowns.
2. **Reflective work (30% of overall grade)**: Binders, written assignments, and projects.
3. **Foundational work: (40% of overall grade):** Foundational work will include homework, classwork, and participation.

**Grading Scale:**

90-100 =A

80-89 = B

70-79= C

60-69= D

59 >= F

**Grading Policy:**

Students and parents have access to the grades through Aries, which is updated on a weekly basis. **If an activity or assignment is missed, students may make it up, but I do not give replacement assignments**. Late work will only be accepted until the end of a unit. While I occasionally offer extra credit on tests/assignments, I do not offer extra credit at the end of the semester.

**Classroom rules:**

1. **RESPECT is expected**. Treat others the way you want to be treated. If you disrespect me or another classmate, you will face disciplinary action.
2. **Be in dress code**. I expect my students to lead by example. You will receive detention for showing up to my class out of dress code (including grooming), and it will be noted in your Aeries account, and the Deans will be notified. Uniform checks will happen daily.
3. **Be prepared and on time.** Come to class with homework, class materials, Chromebook, and texts and be ready to work. Do not be tardy! If you habitually come to class unprepared, you will lose foundational work credit, and you are subject to disciplinary action.
4. **NO cellphones, iPods, MP3 players, or video games in class**. NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. **No food or drinks are allowed in class.** You may bring water to class. If you bring food into my class, I will make you throw it away and issue a detention.
6. **Bathroom breaks.** Leaving class is a privilege; if you abuse this privilege, such as visiting other classrooms or attempting to buy food, you will not be allowed out of class for the remainder of the year.
7. **All rules listed in the Damien Parent-Student handbook**

**If any of the above rules are violated:** All violations will be noted in your Aeries account.

1st occurrence: Verbal Warning, or based or the offense, detention

2nd occurrence: Detention with the deans and parents are notified

3rd occurrence: Student will receive a Saturday detention or removal from class

**If you have questions at anytime, the best way to contact me is via email, pasillas@damien-hs.edu**

**ART OF READING SYLLABUS AGREEMENT**

**Due: THURSDAY, AUG. 15**

**\*\*\* NOTE TO PARENTS: It is best to contact me by email, pasillas@damien-hs.edu. I check email daily and will be able to get back to you quickly. \*\*\***

I have read and understand the rules and academic requirements of this class. I also understand the detention and referral procedures. I agree to complete the course work designed for the Art of Reading class and conduct myself appropriately and with integrity.

Student’s Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_