

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENGLISH AND LITERATURE (Mrs. Long)**

### **LITERATURE:**

**CONTENT:** Students will explore reading through a variety of genres including fictional short stories, plays, novels, poetry, and non-fiction such as autobiographies, biographies, and essays in order to improve critical thinking skills and comprehension. A variety of writing projects will complement the genre of literature within a unit.

**BOOKS:** Students will be involved in choosing their own books to read. Please take your child to new and used bookstores as well as the public library. Most importantly, please discuss her/his reading choices with her/him. As students begin to explore new books it is important to have your guidance as far as choosing books that are appropriate. I will not have read every choice available to them, so your involvement is important. *As the year progresses, students will be asked to purchase books for literature units.*

**HOMEWORK:** Students must read 30 minutes per day, five days a week AT HOME, regardless of how much reading they may do at school. This time requirement is separate from reading that is assigned for other subjects. Please help them establish a reading routine in order to foster a life-long love of reading. A love of reading enables a student to succeed in all subject areas and in life. Accelerated Reader points will be required and count as a test grade for each quarter. Book reports will also be assigned throughout the year.

**GRADING:** 25% of each grade is based on homework and 75% is based on tests, including Accelerated Reader tests. Final publications of writing projects are considered tests. No credit will be given for incomplete or late assignments. Please see the Junior High policy for make-up work for excused absences included in this packet.

### **ENGLISH:**

**CONTENT:** Students will study the proper rules of grammar to enhance their written and oral language. Spelling curriculum will be included within English class.

**HOMEWORK:** Students will have assignments reinforcing the work done in class. Students will also complete spelling units as assigned.

**GRADING:** 25% of the English grade will be homework assignments and spelling completion. 25% of the English grade will be quizzes and 50% of the English grade will be tests covering English grammar and spelling units.