

Reading ~ 5th Grade

Garrison School for the Arts

2019-2020 COURSE SYLLABUS

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SUPPLIES

An important part of fifth grade is developing effective organizational strategies and habits.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES:

- Composition Notebook
- Heavy-Duty Plastic Folder
- Independent Reading Book (everyday)
 - Sharpened Pencils (everyday)
 - Highlighters
 - Sticky notes
 - White Glue

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Fifth grade students will continue their work as enthusiastic readers of both literary and informational texts. We will follow the workshop model in order to ensure that there is student choice involved in reading. Independent reading books are a critical part of daily instruction.

UNITS OF STUDY

QUARTERS 1&2

Focus Standards:

Fiction (RL.1-RL.10)

Supporting Standards:

Nonfiction (RI.1 – RI.3)

- Launch
- Reading
- Workshop
- Plot & Character
- Poetry
- Theme
- Historical Fiction

QUARTERS 3&4

Focus Standards:

Nonfiction (RI.4-RI.10)

Supporting Standards:

Fiction (RL.1-RL.10)

- Text Structure
- Argument & Evidence
- Social Issues Study
- Drama
- Choice Book Clubs



“BOOKS ARE A UNIQUELY PORTABLE MAGIC.”

– Stephen King

LATE WORK

In order to help our students in grades 4-8 take responsibility for their school work, the following procedures apply when a student does not turn in work on the designated due date: Late work is defined as classwork or projects turned in after the designated due date. Late work that is not turned in on the designated due date will be entered as “missing” in Power School. All late work will have a minimum 15% penalty.

All work must be submitted by the following dates:

Quarter 1: October 2nd

Quarter 3: March 4th

Quarter 2: December 11th

Quarter 4: May 1st

STUDENT ABSENCE

Illness & appointments happen. Students are responsible for checking in with Mrs. Cunningham the day they return to collect work to complete. All work can be submitted within 5 days of absence without penalty. Make up time for assessments must be scheduled with Mrs. Cunningham.

READING AT HOME

The best way to improve reading comprehension is to simply **READ!!** Students are expected to read an average of at least 20 minutes per night. Students will be completing book talks, reviews, and book interviews in class based on books completed in class and at home each month.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS



BE PREPARED

- Come to class on time. This means being in your seat at the start time, focused and ready to learn.
- Come to class with the necessary supplies.



BE RESPECTFUL

- Respect yourself and others.
- Respect our class time and our materials.



DO YOUR BEST

- Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best ~ QUALITY Counts!!
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.



ASSESSMENT (50%)

CLASSWORK (40%)

HOMEWORK (10%)

Work & assessment completion is an expectation of all 5th grade students. It is essential to keep up with work expectations in order to showcase your ability as a learner.

GRADING SCALE:

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 50 - 59