Computers are available before school in the morning in the Computer Lab right beside the Cafeteria from 7:45-8:25, and Room 505. The SIB Public Library also has computers available after school.

Course Goals: Welcome! The purpose of this course is to continue to encourage, empower and inspire students at they develop into effective readers, writers, speakers, and listeners, who can think critically, and be successful working individually or in a group.

Home Learning

i-Ready: I-Ready Extra Lesson every Tuesday night if not completed in class on Tuesday, and the grade for the FIRST QUIZ will be put in the gradebook at the end of the class period Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m. If student finishes Extra Lesson early, do the Regular Lesson until they finish the appropriate minutes: Green 45 min., Yellow 60 min., Red 75 min.

Typing.com: 20 minutes and/or 1 lesson every Monday night. The FSA Writing Test in 7th grade is typed. Students should be able to type a minimum of 50 words per minute, however, all students should do the typing minutes/lessons even if they type more than 50 words per minute.

Other Home Learning assignments: Anything not finished in class is to be finished that night for homework.

Other homework assignments are posted on the front board daily in class. Please copy this information down in your Agenda as soon as you come into class. Parents/guardians are asked to please check it daily.

Make-Up Assignments: You are required to make up work you missed due to an excused absence, within 3 days, or a Z (0) will be put in the gradebook. If you have any tests/quizzes to make up, I will come to you once class has started to give them to you. Students are responsible for getting notes from a classmate before class. No late work is accepted, unless it is late due to an excused absence.

Extra Credit: Please be aware that doing the assignment in no way guarantees that it will be enough to raise a grade to the next grade (an 89 B to a 90 A, for example). First Quarter, the Summer Reading assignment will receive one extra credit A if completed. Second, third, and fourth quarters, a 200 word essay about what you learned in Language Arts that quarter (handwritten or typed) can be done and handed in by the deadline for 2 extra credits A’s. Deadlines: 2Q=Dec. 19th, 3rd Q= March 5th, 4th Q=May 14th.

Class Rules
1. Be in class on time, with all supplies daily (wired headphones, pencils, thin yellow and pink highlighters, erasers, composition book, all papers handed out in class).
2. All cellphones/air pods/earbuds/headphones are powered off and are in backpacks, which are on the back of your chair.
3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking.
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself. Please keep your head off your hands.
5. Upon entering class, immediately be seated and begin warm-up quietly.
6. No gum, food or drink (except water) allowed in class.

Lunch Rules
1. Sit only at your assigned lunch table at lunch. Do not throw food or other objects. Clean the table area around you. Be ready for pick-up, at the table, 5 minutes before the end of lunch.
2. Do not allow students from other classes to sit at our lunch table, if they do, immediately get up and tell an adult in the cafeteria. The adults in the cafeteria are in charge of the class when you are in the cafeteria. If someone throws something at you, etc. in the cafeteria, immediately get up and tell one of the adults on duty in the cafeteria.

Materials
Wired headphones (no wireless) to be brought to class daily
10 pencils, wooden or mechanical (if mechanical, make sure you have enough lead for the year)
1 100 page composition book with your name on the front, Ms D LaRoche, 7th Grade Language Arts Rm 505
1 folder for handouts, 2erasers, 2 thin yellow highlighters, 1 thin pink highlighter, School Agenda

Grading Scale for Each Quarter’s Grade:

Ms LaRoche E-mail: dlaroche@dadeschools.net NSESIB K-8 Language Arts Room 505 Phone: 305.933.6161
Classwork = 1 grade
Quizzes = 2 grades
Tests = 3 grades
Essays = 3 grades
I-Ready = 1 grade for FIRST QUIZ GRADE and finishing 45, 60 or 75 min.

Class Grading Scale
A= 90-100
B= 80-89
C= 70-79
D= 60-69
F= ≤59

Miami Dade Report Card Scale
A= 90-100  Effort Scale: 1- Satisfactory  2- Needs Improvement  3- Unsatisfactory
B= 80-89  Conduct: A(Excellent) B(Good) C(Avg) D(Needs Imp) F(Unsat)
C= 70-79
D= 60-69
F= ≤59

Effort Grade: Based upon teacher judgment as to whether the student is in class on time every day, has all supplies every day, pays attention in class, participates, comes prepared to class, seeks help when needed, completes assignments both in and out of class to the best of their ability and in a timely manner, and works well with peers. The highest effort grade a student may receive if they do not complete the required number of i-Ready lessons for a quarter is a 2. If you want to be on the Principal's A1A Honor Roll, make sure you keep up with your i-Ready Lessons.

Behavior
All students are expected to be in class on time every day, follow all class and school rules, and to treat themselves, their classmates, teachers and other school personnel with respect. Students are expected to follow directions the first time given. Students are also expected to exercise due care when handling school equipment and supplies. Skipping class, hitting, punching, shoving, slapping someone, fighting, theft, possession and/or use of drugs, alcohol, and/or drug paraphernalia, will result in an immediate referral. Other offenses may also result in a referral. Other misbehavior will result in:
Note/Call home
Parent/Teacher Conference
Losing the privilege of participating in class rewards/activities

Computer Assignments/Privileges
Students are to be only on the assigned website for the class period. If a student is on another website (for example, listening to YouTube music videos, doing Civics assignments on Quizlet, Math I-Ready, posting to the Physical Science blog, etc.) they will receive an F (0) for the LA Computer Assignment. Students will also receive an F (0) for any computer assignment they are assigned if another student does the assignment, or helps them with the assignment in any way. Any student doing any other assignments, doing another student’s computer assignments, accessing the DOS prompt or computer script, removing/damaging/changing keys, changing screensavers or backgrounds, or modifying computers in any way will lose computer privileges for 3 class periods, and possibly be sent to house administration with a referral.

Cheating
Any student caught cheating will receive an F(0) on the assignment. This includes, but is not limited to, both student providing work to be copied, as well as student copying assignment, doing someone else's computer assignment, or having someone else do your computer assignment, if that is the case.

Student Portal: http://www.dadeschools.net  UN: Student ID  Birth Month (2 Digits) Birth Day (2 Digits) Birth Year (4 Digits)
Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/join/whQUhUKBD  User Name is first initial, student ID and Password is last initial, Student ID.

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I have read and understand the requirements for this course. 8/19/19 Per: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Print Student Name: ____________________________ Signature: __________________________

Print Par./Guar. Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________