

# 7th Grade English Curriculum Outline

## Mr. Holley and Mr. Wiedmann

### First Term

#### Spelling

During the term six spelling tests will be given using 7th grade word lists.

#### Vocabulary

Words for vocabulary study will be taken from the literature and from Words to Go!

#### Grammar and Mechanics

Daily Oral Language

Sentence end marks and capitalization

Nouns: recognition, detection in paragraphs, forming plurals, irregular plurals, forming possessives, capitalizing proper nouns

Fragments and run-on sentences

#### Writing

Writing Lab--weekly

Topic sentences

Forming paragraphs

Short Story

#### Reading

Reading Logs--six of them a term, consisting of 20 minutes of outside-class reading five times a week, totaling a minimum of 100 minutes per log

One Book Report

#### Literature

Selections from anthologies, including poetry

Novel -- Choosing Up Sides by John Ritter

### Second Term

#### Spelling

Six Spelling Tests

#### Vocabulary

Words taken from the literature and from Words to Go!

## Grammar and Mechanics

Daily Oral Language

Nouns continued. Pronouns: recognition, detection in paragraphs, agreement with antecedent, subject pronouns, object pronouns

Fragments and run-on sentences

Sentence end marks and capitalization

Commas

## Writing

Writing lab--weekly

Topic Sentences

Paragraph Writing

Persuasive Letter

## Reading

Six Reading Logs

One Book Report

## Literature

Selections from anthologies, including poetry

Choosing Up Sides continued

## Third Term

## Spelling

Six Spelling Tests

## Vocabulary

Words taken from the literature and from Words to Go!

## Grammar and Mechanics

Daily Oral Language

Sentence end marks and capitalization

Fragments and run-on sentences

Verbs: recognition, action, linking, helping, tenses, irregular verbs, progressive form, agreement, verbs often confused

Commas

## Writing

Response journals

Topic Sentences

Paragraph Writing

First person narrative based on a single personal experience and including a few sentences of dialogue

## Reading

Six Reading Logs  
One Book Report

## Literature

Selections from anthologies, including poetry  
Novel -- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

## Fourth Term

## Spelling

Six Spelling Tests

## Vocabulary

Words taken from the literature and from Words to Go!

## Grammar and Mechanics

Daily Oral Language  
Sentence end marks and capitalization  
Fragments and run-on sentences  
Commas  
Verbs continued. Adjectives: recognition, comparative and superlative  
Adverbs: recognition, interrogative, negative

## Writing

Writing Lab--weekly  
Topic Sentences  
Paragraph Writing  
Research Paper--on an art topic or a biography on an artist

## Reading

Six Reading Logs  
One Book Report

## Literature

Selections from anthologies, including poetry  
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

## Make Up and Retake Policies

Make-up work will receive full credit. Please try not to procrastinate until the end of the term because this puts undue stress on the student and the teacher.  
On a retake, the highest grade a student can earn is 90%. Ten points are deducted

on a retake grade. Thus, for example: If a student get 82% on a retake, the actual grade of 72% gets recorded. A student's grade is never lowered on a retake. A student may retake an assignment or test as many times as he/she wishes until a 90% is achieved.

### Reading Log Policy

I shall accept a reading log for only six days. The first three days a reading log is due will be counted as being on time and will receive full credit. The fourth, fifth, and sixth day that a reading log is turned in will be considered late and will be docked 10%.