

**Connections Reading Enrichment - Grades 6, 7 & 8      Ms. Eve Espy      Room 412**  
**Program used: HMH Read 180**

**Course Description:**

READ 180 is a blended learning intervention program building reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and writing skills for students striving to reach grade level. READ 180 is designed to provide personalized, purposeful instruction to accelerate reading success. It provides individualized digital experiences that engage students and ensure the mastery of critical reading skills.

**How it works:**

Each learner will take an assessment to determine the areas needing growth. Read 180 prepares digital programs individualized for each learner and they will work on those during small group rotations.

Each class will open with whole group instruction followed by small group rotations:

- Independent Reading: Students read books or articles at their individual reading levels, often selected from the Read 180 library.
- Small Group Instruction: The teacher works with a small group of students to provide targeted instruction and support.
- Chromebook: Students work on the Read 180 software, which provides interactive lessons, practice exercises, and assessments based on their reading levels.

**What we learn:**

Based on the Growth Measure score, students will be working on either foundations or comprehension. Foundations learners will focus on: Phonics, decoding words, reading and writing skills. Comprehension learners will focus on: Reading, language, fluency and writing skills. Learners will be placed in small groups based on areas of need.

**Semester Progress Schedule-** Progress reports will go home around these dates, marking 4 1/2 week increments.

**September 3rd, October 11th, midterm, All term 1 assignments due.**

**November 13th, December 20th- end of semester, All term 2 assignments due.**

**Grading:**

Henry County Schools require two meaningful grades per week entered in the grade book. This should be 36 grades total breaking into either practice work (40%) or assessments (40%). The final exam is worth 20% of the course final average which is posted in Infinite Campus.

**Grading Scale** is 90-100=**A**, 80-89=**B**, 74-79=**C**, 73-70=**D**, Below 70 is an **F**. **A score of 70% or higher is considered a passing grade.** Below a 70 is a failing grade. A score of 80% or higher is considered proficient.

**Supplies Needed:** Learners will be responsible for coming to class prepared with their **composition book** (no spirals), **pencils**, and a **charged Chromebook** each day. This class uses digital resources for practice work, and assessments. It is imperative that students bring their charged Chromebook to class each day. Chargers are not provided in the classroom or by the media center.

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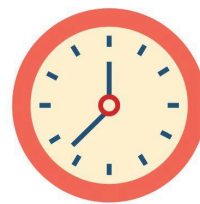
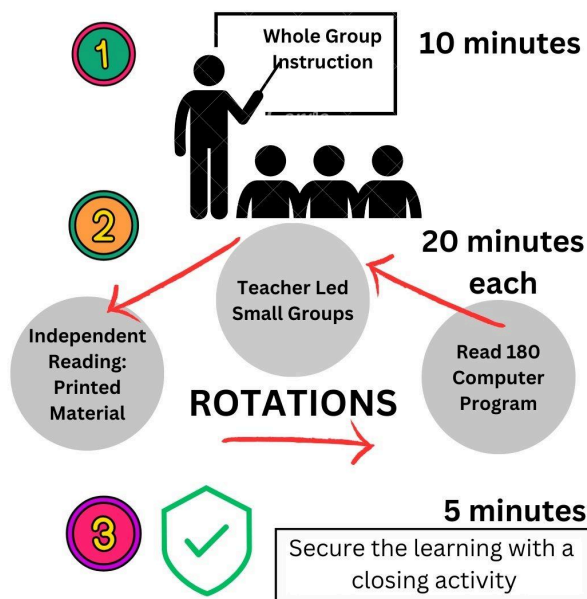
**Do Not Bring To Class:** These items are not allowed in the classroom and will be taken up if found: **cell phones, personal electronics (iPads, Gaming systems, personal computers), AirPods/ Wireless headphones of any kind, food, candy, gum, drink powders, sprays/perfume, open water bottles** (please no cups with open straws aka Stanley cups).

**Positive Rewards:** Learners who consistently meet expectations, show improvement, display Warhawk RISE qualities (respect, integrity, service, engagement) and positive attitudes will be recognized with awards such as Warhawk bucks, positive phone calls home, stickers and public acknowledgement.

**Class Expectations:** Learners are expected to follow all classroom rules and procedures, as well as the school-wide expectations for behavior listed in the student handbook.

- **Come into class, take your seat and begin the warm-up in your notebook**
- **Come to class prepared with pencil, notebook and Chromebook**
- **Remain seated until you have permission to move**
- **Raise your hand if you have a question or need something**
- **Do no interrupt the teacher during instruction**
- **Use your time wisely in each rotation**
- **Refrain from activities that belong outside of the classroom, *such as grooming, make-up, crafts and games.***
- **Keep your hands, feet, objects and negative comments to yourself**
- **No talking during instruction or activity time**
- **Chromebooks are for Google Classroom or Read 180 Only!**
- **Clean up after yourself and put back materials/book at dismissal**
- **Remember that the program works if you do**

### How This Class Works:



**This class is 85 minutes**

- We will have instruction and activities for apx. 75 minutes
- There will be a short break for restroom and water
- Learners are expected to utilize the restroom during the restroom time

**Consequences:** The consequences for breaking expectations are as follows:

- 1st offense: verbal warning      2nd offense: parent phone call
- 3rd offense: citation issued, and for each subsequent offense
- Disrupting the learning environment: call for administration

Offenses can be things like food, cell phone, being off-task, talking during instruction. Learners will be given the opportunity to self-correct after a verbal warning, Learners who persist in disruptive behavior will be sent to their administrator.

**Communication:** Email: [eve.espy@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:eve.espy@henry.k12.ga.us) Office Hour: 9:30am-10:30

**Remind 101** Parents, please sign up for the Remind code corresponding to your learner's grade. Remind 101 is for parent use since it is not allowed for children under the age of 13. Text 81010 to join one of these classes:

**6th grade @rd1806**

**7th grade @rd1807**

**8th grade @rd1808**

**Learner Communication:** Learners should either email the teacher or communicate using Google Classroom. Learners will be contacted by Google Classroom and school email.

**Website:** Check the **Read 180 website** for calendars, and important information. On the Faculty/Staff page of the McDonough Middle School website, you can find the **Read 180** page under "R" or linked here <https://www.henry.k12.ga.us/Domain/9603>

**Testing Out** Learners will take at least three placement assessments during the year. These scores along with MAP scores and content area grades are used to determine if a learner is at grade level. Learners who are at a proficient level can "test out" of this program.

**Lexile Bands:** Lexile bands measure reading levels which are aligned with grade level. See the graphic below to understand where your Lexile score is and where it needs to be to test out.

**Performance Bands and Lexile Correlation**

Grade	Below Basic (Far Below Grade Level)	Basic (Below Grade Level)	Proficient (On Grade Level)	Advanced (Above Grade Level)
1	N/A	0L–99L	100L–400L	401L and above
2	0L–99L	100L–299L	300L–600L	601L and above
3	0L–249L	250L–499L	500L–800L	801L and above
4	0L–349L	350L–599L	600L–900L	901L and above
5	0L–449L	450L–699L	700L–1000L	1001L and above
6	0L–499L	500L–799L	800L–1050L	1051L and above
7	0L–549L	550L–849L	850L–1100L	1101L and above
8	0L–599L	600L–899L	900L–1150L	1151L and above
9	0L–649L	650L–999L	1000L–1200L	1201L and above
10	0L–699L	700L–1024L	1025L–1250L	1251L and above
11	0L–799L	800L–1049L	1050L–1300L	1301L and above

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**Homework:** The only homework assigned outside of class will be to read 20-30 minutes each night. Learners are welcome to read anything they want. Parents, please encourage your child to read independently as well as read out loud to you. Learners, reading takes practice. If you are not confident in reading out loud, try reading to a pet, a plant (they like it) or a stuffed animal.

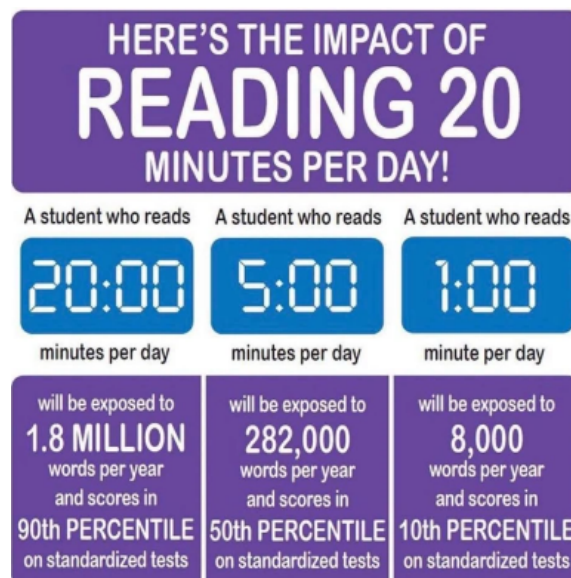
**Class Materials:** All **READ 180** materials such as workbooks must remain in the classroom and can not be taken home. Students can take home their class composition book, but they are responsible for having it in class each day.

**Absences and missed assignments:** Learners are expected to make up missed assignments as soon as possible upon the return to school. Absences do not excuse the work. This program works if you work the program. You can't work the program if you are not in class. Please make every effort to be in school and in class.

**Academic Honesty:** Cheating is everything from copying off your neighbor, sharing work, getting a family member to do your work, and using Artificial Intelligence to complete assignments. This program should **not** be compatible with AI, however, if it shows that the work you submit isn't your own, the assignment will be rejected and learners will receive a zero with the opportunity to resubmit **the first time**. Any additional evidence of plagiarism or cheating will result in a zero, a phone call home and a citation, with no opportunity to resubmit.

This class has one goal, to test out based on your abilities. Cheating does not help you reach that goal. Maintain academic honesty and you will see the reward when you test out.

**Classroom supplies:** Help our classroom by donating common supplies. We use a good deal of tissue, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, pencils and hand sanitizer. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Michaels and 5 Below are also welcome as I purchase prizes, paper and bulletin board supplies from these stores. Here is a link to my amazon classroom wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CDYR05R6QRJ7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CDYR05R6QRJ7?ref=wl_share) or if you are searching: "Ms. Espy's Classroom wish list"



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