

**Core Reading 6-8; 9-12  
Shepaug Valley School  
2025-2026**

**Teacher:** Mrs. Berns

**Course Description**

This class focuses mostly on functional reading and writing skills. The program varies depending on the student; we address each student's IEP goals individually.

Some if not all of the areas below may be covered with your child -

- Building reading fluency
- Comprehension/using graphic organizers to support comprehension
- Using text features to locate key information
- Searching for and locating information on the internet
- Utilizing assistive technology software such as speech-to-text or text-to-speech
- Writing paragraphs that include a topic sentence, supporting details and a concluding sentence
- Editing writing for spelling, punctuation and grammar areas

**Classroom Rules**

- Be on time - in your seat and ready to work BEFORE the bell. Use the lavatory, sharpen your pencils, etc. prior to the bell.
- Be respectful of others. Participate, ask questions and LISTEN when others are speaking. Be engaged!

**Grading**

The students will be graded based on participation. They can earn up to 5 points per day and earn either 20 or 25 points per week.

**Contact**

The best way to reach me is via email at [bernss@region-12.org](mailto:bernss@region-12.org).  
Please get in touch as soon as possible with any questions or concerns.