

Campus: Calallen Middle School

Course and/or Grade Level: 7th Grade English Language Arts & Reading

Course Description:

This course is for those students who show a high academic ability for reading. Students read a wide variety of literary forms and explore different cultures and historical periods through literature. Emphasis is placed on an in-depth mastery on the 7th grade TEKS, reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and application of the literary elements. Students respond to literature through journal entries, essays, creative products, and graphic organizers. This course includes objectives that develop skills necessary to plan and generate quality written compositions by focusing on the development of effective drafting, revising, and editing techniques. Emphasis is placed on applying rules of correct grammar, sentence structure, and spelling. Students are given the opportunity to practice skills that enable them to be successful in higher level courses at the high school level.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1 st Quarter Topics	2 nd Quarter Topics
• Parts of Speech • Sentence Structure • Analyze Character Development • Analyze Literary Texts with Literary Structure • Word Study • Recognize and Analyze Symbolism, Tone, Theme, Mood, Setting, Conflict, Flashback, Allusion in various genres • Commonly Confused Words • Writing process • Text Structure • Textual Evidence	• Vocabulary Study • Commonly Confused Words • Composition Drama and Poetry • Analyze structures and purposes of informational texts • Drawing Inferences • Analyze Figurative Language in Various Genres • Writing process • Text Structure • Discuss text using relevant text evidence • Literary Elements

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
• Vocabulary Study • Making Connections Across Genres • Analyze Structures and Purpose of Argumentative Text • Rhetorical Analysis and Composition of Argumentative Text • Literary Elements • Commonly Confused Words • Discuss text using relevant text evidence • Word Study • Analyze Organizational Patterns • Use the Writing Process to Compose Multiple Texts Using Appropriate Conventions	• Vocabulary Study • Make Connections Across Genres • Literary Elements • Commonly Confused Words • Text Structure • Text Analysis • Discuss Text Using Relevant Text Evidence • Word Study • Compare and Contrast Ideas Between Texts from Different Genres • Use Genre Characteristics and Craft to Compose Multiple Texts

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*