**WELCOME TO 7th GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS!**

I know you will be overwhelmed with forms and things to fill out, but please pay close attention to the following notes. These specifics will set you up for success this year.

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**Grading Scale**

A 100-93

B 92-85

C 84-77

D 76-70

F 69-

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**Assignment %**

Homework 15%

Tests 20%

Classwork 30%

Projects 35%

**Topics we will cover:** Language Arts concepts do not really change from grade to grade, simply the level of investigation. Here is an overview of topics we will cover this year.

*1st quarter:* central idea, point of view, author’s purpose, narrative writing

*2nd quarter:* figurative language, textual evidence, argument writing

*3rd quarter:* characterization, sequencing, research, presentations

*4th quarter:* multiple texts and genres, informative writing

**Homework:** You will have homework nightly and it is expected to be turned in the following day, unless otherwise discussed. It is encouraged that everyone read at least 20 minutes on top of your homework. Find something that interests you, I know there are at least a few books that would catch your attention. I’ll help you find one. I strongly encourage some kind of daily agenda or calendar to keep record of daily assignments or projects. Middle school can become overwhelming if you aren’t organized. I’d be more than glad to print some calendars if needed, but you must ask me. I can’t read minds…yet.

**“Did I miss anything?”** If you are absent, the answer to, “Did I miss anything?” is always yes. Go to the absent folder in my room and find the materials you need from the day(s) you missed. I recommend finding a buddy in your class to fill you in on missing work. I also try to keep my website updated with homework assignments, so this can be used as a resource as well.

**Remind:** Remind is a text messaging service that simple sends announcements from me to you. I do not have access to your telephone number, it just sends massive texts. If you would like to be a part of this, please the message @team702ela to 336-542-2227.

**![C:\Users\scscruggs\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\CVSI6HMX\MC900056585[1].wmf]()Parents/Guardians:**

I look forward to this year being one for adventures, learning, and memories. Please read the following note about our class website and return the form signed. My email is scscruggs@wsfcs.k12.nc.us if you have any questions.

The grading system, PowerSchool will be up in a few weeks. I’ll send more information about it when it becomes available, but this is a place to check grades, absences, and contact information.

If you have not done so already, please go to my website ([www.gofarther.weebly.com](http://www.gofarther.weebly.com)), click on the Contact tab, and enter your contact information at the bottom of the page.

If you would like to be part of the Remind text messaging service that sends class announcements send @team702p to 336-542-2227. I will not have access to your number, this is simply a service that offers texts to be sent.

Ms. Scruggs needs your permission for students to participate with our classroom website. Here is the link/QRCode to our website so far, just to give you an idea of what’s to come. [www.gofarther.weebly.com](http://www.gofarther.weebly.com)

This website it meant to be a resource for parents and students alike. I will post assignments, videos, important links, open discussion boards, blog, tweet, etc… all from this website. Students’ first and last names will not be used, and upon request, faces do not need to be seen in videos. Content posted will be closely monitored. A good example of another classroom blog can be viewed here: <http://www.yollisclassblog.blogspot.com/> We will use it all year long in and out of the classroom. Hopefully this gives you a better definition of our classroom website. Our blog is available for parents to view at any time, and even comment! We’d love to have you involved.

\_\_\_\_ I give my student permission to participate in the classroom blog. I understand pictures and videos will be used, but not full names.

\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission to my student to participate in the classroom blog.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

