
Everyday Reading Syllabus

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Monday - Friday
10:39 - 11:29 A.M.

Description:

- Everyday Reading incorporates practical English skills through reading, writing, vocabulary, and spelling.
- **Reading Skills:**
 - Collaborative/partner reading will take place throughout the school year. Books of interest will be selected and read aloud. Multiple breaks for comprehension questions and discussions will occur throughout collaborative reading time each day (approximately 15 minutes of collaborative reading per class period). Most collaborative class books will be books that have been made into movies. A movie at the conclusion of a book is a fun reward. Messages will be sent home to parents and/or guardians, prior to showing a movie in class.
- **Spelling Skills:**
 - Weekly spelling words will be introduced. Lessons, activities, practice/ repetition, and/or games will accompany the weekly spelling words to increase spelling acquisition. Spelling word lists will include: days of the week, months of the year, holidays, high frequency words, and words with similar sounds and/or blends. Student(s) will be tested over each word list at the conclusion of each spelling unit.
- **Writing Skills:**
 - Some writing requirements/assignments are as follows: Student(s) will write and mail letters, write sentences and/or stories using their spelling words or vocabulary words, write comprehension question answers, and write a resume, cover letter, and resignation letter.
- **Vocabulary Skills:**
 - Student(s) will learn the meanings of common abbreviations and acronyms and essential words to improve vocabulary.

Homework:

- There will be little to no homework in *Everyday Reading*. Most all class assignments, activities, writing, reading, and spelling practice will be completed during class time.

Materials:

- All materials will be provided. Student(s) will only be responsible for bringing a writing utensil to class.
- All class materials will remain in the classroom.

Communication:

- For any questions or information about the class, please refer to the Google Classroom where lesson plans will be posted at the beginning of each week by 8:00 a.m.
- Student(s) can check their grades through PowerSchool.
- If student(s) cannot find what they are looking for on Google Classroom or PowerSchool, they should reach out via email: risa.molesworth@burwellpublicschools.com.

Grading & Informal/Formal Assessments:

- **Writing:**
 - **Spelling word and/or vocabulary sentences will be evaluated as follows:**
 - Capitalization at the start of each sentence
 - Punctuation at the end of each sentence
 - Spell each unit word correctly
 - Identify each unit word (underline, circle, or highlight)
 - Use the word correctly within the sentence
 - **Reading comprehension answers will be evaluated as follows:**
 - Answer is a complete sentence
 - The comprehension question is restated
 - Capitalization at the start of each sentence
 - Punctuation at the end of each sentence
 - Correct comprehensive answer
 - **Large writing assignments will be written in “chunks” and will follow specific guidelines.**
- **Spelling Words & Vocabulary:**
 - Vocabulary and spelling words will be assessed at the conclusion of each unit.
 - Most spelling and vocabulary assignments will be graded and entered into the grade book.
 - Boardwork, games, repetition, and spelling practice will be informal assessments to check for understanding throughout each unit and will not be entered into the gradebook.
- **Collaborative Reading:**
 - Most reading comprehension checks will be informal, through class discussion.
 - A few comprehension questions and/or quizzes will occur throughout each class novel/book.
 - There will be no pop quizzes over book comprehension questions.

Electronics:

- Burwell Jr.-Sr. High School has a phone zone policy; therefore all phones will be placed in the phone zone area, during class time.

Food & Drink:

- No food or drink (except water) will be allowed in class, unless the teacher has brought food for the class or it has been preapproved by the teacher (i.e. a movie day).