

**School:** BMMS  
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## **SYLLABUS**

**TEACHER:** Johna Dowdall

**COURSE/GRADE LEVEL:** Seventh Grade English Language Arts

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:** The Language of Literature. MacDougal Littell. 2001.  
Read for Real. Zaner-Bloser, Inc. 2005  
Assorted Novels, newspapers, picture books

**MAJOR TOPICS:** Students will improve their writing skills through the exploration of various genres, understand revision as a major part of the writing process, peer conference and edit, and share finished pieces. Students will learn from the writing of professionals. They will study contemporary and classic literature, picture books, myths, fairy tales, current news articles, and whatever other writing is suitable. Their writing will include memoirs, fiction, research, persuasion, and exposition, compare/contrast, letter writing, and poetry.

**ASSESSMENT TOOLS\*** (The following tools may be used for assessment):

Writing assignments	Teacher Observation
Journals	Projects
Tests/Quizzes	Interdisciplinary Activities
Oral Presentation	Class Participation

\* See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modifications where applicable.

**HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS:** Students will have reading, writing, or research assignments. Assignments will be due the next day unless otherwise noted.

**GRADING POLICY:** Grades are based on assessments and individual effort.

**MAKEUP PROCEDURE:** Students are responsible for missed assignments and may pass them in until two days before marks close. Assignment scores will depreciate with lateness unless there is an outstanding reason for said lateness.

**GENERAL INFORMATION/MATERIALS:** Required materials: spiral notebook; pen, pencil

Adjustments may be made to this syllabus to meet students\* needs. If adjustments are made to this syllabus during the school year, parents/guardians will be notified and a new syllabus will be distributed.