



# FARNSWORTH FILES

## 7th Grade ELA Quarterly Newsletter

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7

### Class Description

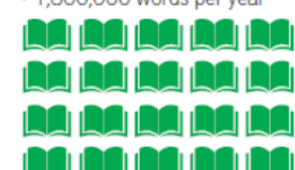





ELA 7 provides reading, writing, media literacy, and language instruction. Students will read/write while evaluating a variety of genres, will participate in literature discussions and book clubs, and will select books to read independently.

Reading and writing goals will be set by students based on their strengths, needs, and interests. Common Core reading and writing standards will outline the skills learned by students in ELA 7.

For the first days of ELA, 7th grade teachers and students will work together to create a reading life both at home and school. **Students are therefore expected to read an average of at least 30 minutes a day.** There may be occasional other assignments to complete at home. Reading, however, is an ongoing and consistent responsibility for all students outside of the classroom.



### Why Read at home?

<p><b>STUDENT A READS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 minutes per day</li> <li>• 3,600 minutes per school year</li> <li>• 1,800,000 words per year</li> </ul> 	<p></p> <p>SCORES IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>
<p><b>STUDENT B READS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 minutes per day</li> <li>• 900 minutes per school year</li> <li>• 282,000 words per year</li> </ul> 	<p></p> <p>SCORES IN THE 50TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>
<p><b>STUDENT C READS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 minute per day</li> <li>• 180 minutes per school year</li> <li>• 8,000 words per year</li> </ul> 	<p></p> <p>SCORES IN THE 10TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

# SPED UPDATES..

If your student is receiving SPED support, feel free to contact SPED teachers listed above with any questions or concerns. See the contact info at the top of the first page.

# ELL UPDATES..

If your student is receiving ELL support, feel free to contact the ELL teacher listed above with any questions or concerns. See contact info at the top of the first page.

## REMEMBER... FARNSWORTH FUTURE LEADERS ARE:

- ✓ RESPECTFUL,
- ✓ RESPONSIBLE,
- ✓ SAFE,
- ✓ AND ON-TIME EVERY DAY.



# UNITS OF STUDY

## QUARTER 1

Investigating Characterization

## QUARTER 2

Essential Researching Skills

Argument Writing

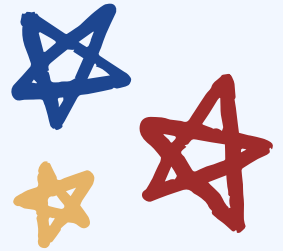
## QUARTER 3

Historical Fiction Book Clubs

Writing About Reading

## QUARTER 4

Poetry



# WEEKLY READING LOG SAMPLE

WEEK 2: SEPTEMBER 10-16		BOOK TITLE	MINUTES READ	PAGES READ
9/10	Friday			
9/11	Saturday			
9/12	Sunday			
9/13	Monday			
9/14	Tuesday			
9/15	Wednesday			
9/16	Thursday			



# GRADING & HOMEWORK

All classwork, practice, and assessments (projects, tests, quizzes, performances) will be graded according to proficiency on the Common Core Standards. Students will receive a score of 0 - 4.

- 0 - incomplete
- 1 - beginning
- 2 - developing
- 3 - proficient
- 4 - exceeds

**\*\* Each quarter, scores of 0 - 2 can be redone until the student reaches a score of at least 3.**

Grades are weighted as follows:  
20% - classwork/homework  
80% - assessments



# APPS & WEBSITES FOR READING ONLINE:

- Epic
- MackinVia
- LibraryGo
- eBooks MN
- TeenBookCloud
- TumbleBooks Library
- Audiobooks & Podcasts
- St. Paul Public Library Overdrive



For more resources, visit:

<https://libguides.spps.org/mssterm>