



I am very excited to begin the school year! I will post a syllabus each quarter on my teacher webpage and in Schoology. The curriculum from the textbook *StudySync* will be used in this course. Textbooks will be provided in the classroom. However, your child will be able to access the weekly reading selection and other resources in Schoology. I have listed important dates and information below.

Required Materials

- Tab/Divider in a binder
- Pencils

Expectations

Students are expected to be in their desks immediately after they walk into the room and begin the bellringer assignment. Students **MUST** have all materials needed. A positive attitude is expected so that maximum learning can take place. Students are expected to stay organized and keep up with all study guides and assignments in their binder.

Grades

Grades are determined by averaging **Standards-Based Assessments (60%)**, **Formative Activities (30%)**, and **Speaking and Listening assignments (10%)**. Students are expected to read and study at home. A study guide will be given out each week. Students are also required to test on the books they read using Accelerated Reading. The AR goal is 10 points. Grades are based on the comprehension percentage and points accumulated. **This will count as a test grade at the end of the quarter. Students will also be graded on the summer reading book!**

- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (Regular and Honors)
- *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham (Honors only)

Absences and Make-Up Work

Students need to attend class every day. **Absences are strongly discouraged.** However, in the event of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to make up any missed assignments or tests.

Check the calendar for assignments and assessments in Schoology. You can also check my teacher page on the school website for resources and information at www.smspartans.com.

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SELECTION	SKILL/STRATEGY	TEST DATE
i-Ready Diagnostic	Reading	Monday & Tuesday, August 12-13
<i>Eleven</i> (U1W1)	Textual Evidence, Figurative Language	Wednesday, August 21
<i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i> (U1W2)	Character Analysis	Thursday, September 5
<i>Paired Texts</i> <i>Red Scarf Girl, Hatchet</i> (U1W3)	Compare and Contrast, Setting	Thursday, September 12
<i>The Magic Marker Mystery</i> (U1W4)	Dramatic Elements, Structure	Thursday, September 19
<i>Scout's Honor</i> (U1W5)	Story Structure, Plot	Thursday, September 26
<i>The Cay</i> by Theodore Taylor	Finish the novel and meet AR goals	September 27-October 11

*Summer reading book will be graded!