7th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus

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#### **Course Overview**

This course will focus on strengthening students' skills in spelling and grammar. Students will build a strong foundation in English language conventions through engaging activities, weekly spelling and grammar practice. The goal is to enhance clarity, accuracy, and creativity in students' written and spoken communication.

#### **Course Objectives**

By the end of the year, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate mastery of 7th grade-level spelling patterns and word usage.
- Identify and apply rules of grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure

## **Units of Study**

#### Quarter 1:

- Subjects, Predicates, and Sentences
- Nouns
- Spelling Focus: Short & Long Vowels

#### Quarter 2:

- Continue Nouns
- Vebs
- Spelling Focus: Prefixes and Suffixes

#### Quarter 3:

- Pronouns
- Adjectives
- Spelling Focus: Prefixes and Suffixes

### Quarter 4:

- Continue Adjectives, Adverbs
- Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections
- Spelling Focus: Latin Form, Greek Forms

# **Weekly Routine**

- Monday: Daily Bell Ringer, Introduce spelling list and spelling topic
- Tuesday-Thursday: Daily Bell Ringer, grammar topic, practice activities, and assignments
- Friday: Daily Bell Ringer, Spelling Assignments are due, Weekly Spelling test

### **Grading Policy**

- Bell Ringers-4%
- SpellingAssignments-23%
- Spelling Test-25%
- English Assignments-23%
- English Tests-25%

# **Classroom Expectations**

- 1. Have all appropriate materials and be in your assigned seat when the bell rings.
- 2. Respect yourself and others.
- 3. Respect the materials, equipment, and furnishings in the classroom.
- 4. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak or to leave your seat.
- 5. Take responsibility for yourself and your education.
- 6. No food, gum, or candy in the classroom.

#### **Required Materials**

- ELA binder
- Pencils and Red Ink Pen
- Chromebook and ear buds
- Independent reading book (always)