

## JHMS Vision Statement

JHMS provides students with an innovative and exceptional education that instills integrity and promotes achievement in a diverse world.

### Our Beliefs

JHMS is committed to a set of beliefs based on what we know about the middle school child, teaching and learning, and what we need to ensure successful realization of our Vision. We believe...

- ...in respecting and valuing the uniqueness of each child
- ...student mastery of reading, writing and math is the foundation for life-long learning
- ...critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration are vital skills for the 21 century student
- ...a safe and positive school environment enhances learning
- ...staff, students and family share the responsibility for learning
- ...high standards for learning challenge students and increase achievement

## JACKSON HOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS

**TEACHER:** Erika Berry

**COURSE TITLE:** Reading

### **COURSE STANDARDS/OBJECTIVES:**

#### READING

Students use the reading process to demonstrate understanding of literary and informational texts

#### Objectives:

- Investigate literature by analyzing the major components of theme, character, plot, setting, conflict, narration, mood, and foreshadowing in selected novels, short stories and non-fiction.
- Improve reading fluency
- Improve word attack skills/phonetic skills.
- Improve vocabulary
- By improving reading fluency, word attack skills, reading vocabulary, and developing comprehension strategies, increase reading comprehension.

Text	Language!	Sopris West
Materials	Novels selected by teacher, class and student. Short stories, essays, poems and selected text.	Investigation of Literature
Videos	As seen appropriate	Enrichment of Literature
Student supplies	Pen or pencil and agenda	

### **COURSE GRADING SPECIFICS:**

	Description	% of total grade
Tests and Quizzes	Unit assessments, book projects	40%
Assignments	Daily reading at home/homework.	40%
Citizenship	Participation, being prepared and on time	20%

### **GRADING SCALE:**

90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
Below 60%	F

### **CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

1. JHMS common writing expectations will be required for all written work.
2. You must come to class every day, on time and prepared with all supplies.
3. Model the school rules of being respectful, responsible and safe.
4. During sharing, lecture, discussion, writing or reading, off task talking will not occur.
5. Substitutes and classroom guests will be given complete cooperation and respect.
6. Come prepared to stay. Leaving the classroom requires a pass.
7. Daily reading in class and at **home** is required. The only way to meet your goal and become a better reader is to practice, practice, practice!
8. First violation of the classroom rules will merit a warning and reteach.
9. Second violation of the classroom rules will merit reteach and a phone call home.
10. A third violation of the classroom rules will be a PASS room referral.

### **HOMEWORK:**

Daily work will be given in class. Students will have a reading requirement to be completed each week at **home**. Students will record homework assignments in their agendas before leaving the classroom.

### **MAKE UP PROCEDURES:**

Students are responsible for keeping track of and making up missed work. If students are ill, parents may request make-up work on the second day of the illness. Assignments can be picked up in the file holders by our front office. For every day absent, students have two days to make up the work.

If you know you will be absent from school, please bring a note from your parents and turn it into our head secretary. She will give you a pre-excused absence form for you to fill out with your assignments. This should be completed at least 2 days prior to your absence. Make sure you are clear about the expectations and due dates of assignments before you leave.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Best time to call: 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 2:40 – 3:20.

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