

READ TO SUCCEED

Rambam Day School
Language Arts
5th Grade Syllabus
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Course Description: On various levels this class will be developing skills in grammar, vocabulary, spelling, creative writing and reading comprehension. Please see the required quarterly reading book list below. School textbooks and workbooks will be inspiration for creative writing, poetry, short descriptive stories, quotes, current events, paragraph development, outlining, writing research papers and paraphrasing. There will be daily language and handwriting practice at the start of the class. Assignments not completed during class time will be homework, as well as supplemental worksheets. In addition poetry, book reports, and research topics will be used for written and oral reports during the school year. All topics need to be approved. Research papers and reports MUST be typed. Information will be given with specifics when reports are assigned.

Course Objectives:

To develop the capacity to write clearly, effectively and creatively
To develop an appreciation for literature
To develop critical thinking and reading comprehension
To develop public speaking skill through book reports and research papers
To increase vocabulary, grammar, spelling, and punctuation skills

Classroom Texts:

Wordly Wise/vocabulary and spelling workbook
Being a Better Reader/reading comprehension workbook
G.U.M./grammar, usage and mechanics workbook
Basic English Grammar/text and workbooks
Literature/textbook

Required Quarterly Reading in the Classroom

These books will need to be purchased or borrowed.

The Black Pearl – O'Dell
The Big Wave - Buck
The Upstairs Room - Reiss
Bridge to Terabithia - Paterson

Grading:

Grading will be based on an average of scores in the following areas:

- weekly tests given on Fridays
- quarterly reports/oral and written presentation
- homework graded randomly
- class participation
- cumulative chapter test on textbooks and required quarterly reading

Weekly Class Schedule:

Monday – Wordly Wise (vocabulary) and literature
Tuesday – Be a Better Reader (reading comprehension) or G.U.M. (grammar) and literature
Wednesday – English Grammar/Writing Skills/workbooks
Thursdays – Novel ties due for quarterly reading, review and correct the above
Friday – Wordly Wise vocabulary and spelling test or literature test