

7th GRADE LITERATURE GUIDELINES: Ms. Cummings

We use a literature-based program in 7th grade, with emphasis on the four elements of literature: plot, character, setting and theme. Our literature anthology by Prentice Hall includes short stories, drama, poetry, nonfiction and the novel. Much of the year will be spent reading individual works, including *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, *Esperanza Rising*, and *The Giver*, with the anthology serving as a resource to cover additional concepts. Later in the year students will be assigned a biography or memoir to be read in literature circles. In addition, a book report will be assigned each quarter. Homework and discipline policies will follow the guidelines of the 6-8 grades. Grading will be based on class work, homework, and tests.