Reading is essential to the study of English language arts and the advancement of students’ literacy skills. For this reason, students are required to become active readers and build a practice of reading both in and out of school.

 On most days this year, the *required homework* for language arts class each night will be the following:

1. Read a minimum of *fifteen pages* each day/night in your current book.
2. Record your understanding of and responses to the reading on *four sticky notes* (per week). Students are encouraged to respond honestly to the books and are entitled to their own opinions and experiences of all texts.
3. *During independent reading units,* students may choose an appropriate level book from the library. *During whole novel studies*, students will be assigned a book to read with the whole class.
4. Students are required to *bring their current book to class every day* .
5. Typically during reading units, we will devote some class time to read on *Mondays and Wednesdays*. However, reading is required every day (and one day of the weekend), totaling seventy-five pages of reading per week.

1. Students’ *reading grade* will count as 40 percent of the overall language arts grade and be based on the following:
	1. Completing the required reading and notes on time,
	2. The quality of the responses and thoughts on the notes,
	3. Reading in class and conferences with the teacher, and
	4. Participation in literature discussions and related activities.

 I have read and understand the reading policy. I will share my questions or concerns with Mrs. Joseph should they arise.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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