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**Mr. Connerty
7th Grade
READING SYLLABUS**

This class is designed to provide continued development of reading skills. Work on these skills will proceed from the study of all types of reading material: novels, short stories, poetry, handouts, and media. Students will expand their vocabulary drawn from our reading. Students will write in their independent reading journals daily. Each student, regardless of his or her reading ability, will be called upon to read aloud and enjoy a tolerant environment in which to grow as readers. Students should come to class prepared with their homework, a pen *and* pencil, notebook, binder/folder for handouts, and an independent reading book (which will be stored in class).

MAJOR TOPICS

I. Exploring and Comparing Various Genres

- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Poetry
- Drama

II. Reading Comprehension and Reading Strategies through Various Works of Literature

- Predicting
- Questioning
- Summarizing
- Reflecting
- Analyzing
- Making Connections

III. Elements of Fiction

- Setting
- Character
- Conflict
- Plot
- Theme
- Mood
- Tone

IV. Elements of Poetry

- Sound Devices
- Figures of Speech