

## Reading for Pleasure – Course Description and Pacing Guide Trimester 2 -- 2007-08

### **Description:**

**Reading for Pleasure** is a course which allows students to individually explore and select various literary genres for personal reading. Daily reading and journal writing will be the basis for class discussions, activities, and projects.

### **Text and required materials:**

- \*1 Subject spiral notebook for a journal to be left in the classroom *Must have by Dec. 5*
- \*Student selected literature from the media center are available or students may prefer to bring books from an outside source but instructor approval is necessary to ensure school appropriate subject matter as well as age appropriate literature.

### **Objectives** The students will:

1. Develop critical reading strategies (2.1) through:
  - \*Using a variety of Pre-reading and Previewing strategies to make conscious choices about how to approach reading (2.1.1)
  - \*Determining the meaning of unfamiliar words (2.1.3)
  - \*Demonstrating understanding of reading content through personal response (2.1.7)(2.1.12)
  
2. Develop as a reader through independent reading (2.2)(2.3)
  - \* Engage in self-assessment as a reader, while monitoring comprehension and using a variety of strategies to overcome difficulties when constructing meaning. (2.3.5)
  - \*Reflect on personal understanding; set personal learning goals; and take responsibility for personal growth. (2.3.6)
  - \*Participate as an active reader (2.3.7)
  
3. Understand and practice writing as a recursive process and for personal understanding and growth. (1.1)(1.2)
  - \*Use a variety of writing strategies to generate focus and organizing ideas. (1.1.2)
  - \*Use writing to develop self-awareness and insight (journal, self-assessments)

### **Class Requirements:**

- \*Students will complete a reading inventory/goal setter at the start of the trimester.
- \*Daily quiet reading and journal writing (prompted and unprompted) is expected from all students.
- \*During the course of the trimester, each student is expected to read **4** books of his/her choosing.
- \*Students must select books from at least **3** different genres.
- \*After each book has been completed a "proof of reading progress project" (**PRPP**) must be turned in. There are several suggestions for these **PRPPs** provided, or a student may have an idea of his/her own for a **PRPP** – just be sure to have Mrs. Ross' approval.
- \*The Final Exam will consist of:
  1. A course rubric outlining your progress through the trimester.
  2. A book talk presentation to the class on one of the books read during the trimester
  3. A Comprehensive Reading List - consisting of each book that you read, the author, and genre
  4. A Comprehensive Vocabulary List - consisting of the new words you have discovered during your reading

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| <b>Date/Week</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>Activities in addition to Daily Reading/Journal Writing</b>                                                                                                                                     |
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| Dec. 3-7 (1)                                                                                                                                               | Introduction to class and procedures<br>Reading Inventory and Personal Goal Setting<br>Book Talk and Library Visit<br><b><i>Must have Journal and signed course paper by Dec. 6 (Thursday)</i></b> |
| Dec. 10-14 (2)                                                                                                                                             | Journal Check # 1 (last day of the week)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Dec. 17-21 (3)                                                                                                                                             | <b><i>PRPP #1 DUE last day of the week</i></b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <br><i>CHRISTMAS BREAK- notice that you only have 2 weeks after returning to school to get your PRPP #2 in. You may want to read over break. ☺</i><br><br> |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Jan. 2-4 (4)                                                                                                                                               | Journal Check # 2 (last day of the week)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Jan. 7-11 (5)                                                                                                                                              | <b><i>PRPP #2 DUE last day of the week</i></b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Jan. 14-18 (6)                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Jan. 21-25 (7)                                                                                                                                             | Journal Check # 3 (last day of the week)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Jan. 28- Feb. 1 (8)                                                                                                                                        | <b><i>PRPP #3 DUE last day of the week</i></b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Feb. 4-8 (9)                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Feb. 11-15 (10)                                                                                                                                            | Journal Check # 4 (last day of the week)                                                                                                                                                           |
| Feb. 19-22 (11)                                                                                                                                            | <b><i>PRPP #4 DUE last day of the week</i></b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Feb. 25-29 (12)                                                                                                                                            | Final Journal Check due Tuesday, Feb. 26<br><b><i>In-class FINAL BOOK TALK PRESENTATIONS, Individual Course Rubric, Comprehensive Reading List, Comprehensive Vocabulary Lists DUE</i></b>         |

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**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY Dec. 6, 2007**

I acknowledge receiving the Course Description and Pacing Guide for Reading for Pleasure and have read and understand it. If I have any further questions or concerns regarding this class I will feel free to contact Mrs. Ross.

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*Parent/guardian signature*

Contact information (please leave names and numbers and email of who to reach if I should have questions or concerns):

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