

English Reading and Writing Course Syllabus

Materials:

- *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
- 1 spiralbound notebook or writing journal
- Pencils with erasers

Course Description:

Students will engage in reading the novel *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* through guided reading and teacher read-aloud. They will receive explicit instruction in vocabulary and participate in discussion about the plot, theme, character development and perspective. Students will write in their journals each day to summarize what they have learned in class and will finish the course with writer's workshop in which they will plan, organize, revise and edit an essay in response to a prompt regarding the novel.

Course objectives:

Reading Standards:

- The students will read grade-level text (*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*) with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression.
- The students will analyze how setting, events, conflict, and characterization contribute to the plot in a literary text.
- The students will explain the development of stated or implied theme(s) throughout a literary text.
- The students will describe how an author develops a characters perspective in a literary text.

Writing Standards:

- The students will write to make a claim supporting a perspective with logical reasons, relevant evidence from sources, elaboration, and an organizational structure with varied transitions.

Grading:

Grades will be based on participation in class discussions, vocabulary and comprehension quizzes, and a culminating essay which we will work on in class over several class periods.