**Mrs. Katherine Porter**

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Welcome to 6th and 7th grade Language Arts! This year, students will be engaged in numerous reading and writing activities tailored to their ability level and individual needs.

**Class Expectations**

* Students are expected to be respectful and responsible in class.
* Respectful and responsible students are expected to follow the student code of conduct and other school rules listed in their agenda.
* As responsible students, they are expected to arrive to class on time. Carter has a 3-5-7 tardy policy that will be enforced. After the third tardy, students will be reminded to get to class on time. After the fifth tardy, students will receive a written assignment to complete. After the seventh tardy, students will get a written referral to the vice principal to discuss the issue.
* Responsible students are also expected to come to class prepared. Students will need pencils and an agenda.

**Grading**

The district grading policy will be followed.  A student’s grade will be calculated using the following:

* 25% classwork, homework, and participation grades
* 75% assessment grades

Grades include bell work, reading and writing assignments, and writing projects. Parents are encouraged to follow progress via Parent Portal which can be accessed online. Grades will be updated weekly. If you have a concern, please feel free to email or call me.

**Homework**

It is expected that students read daily at home for at least 20 minutes**.**

**Cell Phone Use**

The classroom is designated as a yellow zone. This means that students will be able to use their phones if it is for an educational purpose. Students will only be able to use cell phones in class with permission from a teacher. If a student is using his/her cell phone inappropriately, it will be confiscated for 24 hours and will require a parent signature to get it returned.