



# Maria Montessori Academy Junior High

## Reading Lab – Subject Syllabus

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**Course Description:** The Reading Lab class is reading class focused on helping students to catch up to grade level, and to provide support for the general education language arts classes. The class will consist of two groups: students working primarily on phonics, and students working primarily on fluency. Students who are working on phonics will use the Phonics Blitz course to practice reading grade-level passages, and will also have explicit instruction on phonics skills. Students who are working primarily working on fluency will practice reading grade-level passages. All students will practice reading and essay skills with *Action* magazine.

Time and support will also be provided in this class to work on the major reading and writing assignments given in the student's general education language arts class.

**Course Expectations:** Students will be supportive of each other, and help to create a safe, nonjudgmental place to practice basic reading and writing skills.

**Textbooks and Materials:** This class does not have a textbook.

**Grading Plan:** Student behavior--both social and academic--will be evaluated daily by the student, their study group, and the teachers. These rubric scores will be averaged over the quarter to provide a grade for this class.

- Grading Scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or Below

### Course Policies:

Student Work: Students will complete reading and writing assignments from their general education classes, and will work on basic calculation skills.

Portfolio: Students will select an essay to add to their cycle portfolio.

Group Activities: Students will read aloud to each other in small groups.

Homework Expectations: There is no additional homework for this class.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is not available for this class.

Absences: Students who are absent must keep up with the language arts novel reading at home.

Citizenship Grade: Citizenship is graded by rubric. Daily rubrics will be filled out by the student, their study group, or their teachers.



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### **Class Rules:**

Students will be seated at their desk reading a book or magazine of their choice when the tardy bell rings.

Students will use mistakes and incorrect answers as a positive learning opportunity. No negative self-talk or bullying will be tolerated.

### **Class Materials:**

All students will need the following:

Assigned novel from language arts

A fun novel, graphic novel, magazine, or other reading material of the student's choice

Writing utensil

Paper

Donations of the following items are much appreciated:

Reading materials of interest to Jr High students: magazines, comics, manga, YA novels, poetry and short story collections, etc.

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**I have read and understand the rules for \_\_\_\_\_ class.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_**

Parent/Guardian's Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_