

**Course Syllabus for Parent Night  
(2017-2018)**

**Course:** Library/Study Skills (SSK) Teacher: Sherry Lamb, MLS Librarian      Grade Level: Middle School  
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<p>Textbook Series: (workbooks, Novels, other reading materials): No text books for library, however, we have a blended study skills program that contains HM (Houghton Mifflin) study skills books, SOAR, along with teacher created activities and lessons.</p>
<p>Topics Covered: Library etiquette and behaviors, full complement of print reference sources, research methods and strategies such as Boolean logic, Dewey Decimal Classification System and other schemes, literature appreciation such as genres, award winning books, book talks, electronic database use, bibliography preparation, copyright, fair use, plagiarism, bias, and code of honor. SSK (study skills) program including SCORER, LISAN, SLOWER, PAGES, Memory Skills, Organization skills, and Improving reading ability.</p>
<p>Expectations: Students are expected to listen, respond, reflect, write, and create projects about library and study skills topics as they progress toward independence in the academic setting in preparation for secondary school and beyond. Students are expected to gain a love of reading and to become proficient in selecting and checking out appropriate books.</p>
<p>Grading: Occasional grades are earned for activities for library information skills and study skills are basic paper and pencil activities or modest projects like posters. These grades are included in the Language Arts / Literature grade with coordination through the classroom teacher.</p>
<p>Special Projects / Events: Book Fairs are held two times per year. Families can purchase materials for home at these fair opportunities. Students love to browse and make a wish list for purchases. A parent SSK workshop is offered each fall to aid parents with students and their homework and school work.</p>
<p>Integration and Use of Computers: Students will be exposed to stories, presentations, and guest speakers, with the use of library technology. Students will be familiar with how technology is used to select and circulate materials. Students learn that the library page has valuable aids for use at home and school. Students will search for materials for reading and projects. Students will demonstrate the ability to use reference tools on the library page and the Internet.</p>
<p>Field Trips: No field trips are planned through the library, however, the librarian highly recommends that all families visit their local public library and obtain a library card. Public libraries offer additional resources of high value.</p>
<p>Other:</p>