



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



1st Quarter Reading
Mrs. Larson

Class Overview

Welcome to Jr. High Reading! My name is Jamie Larson, and I am the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade reading teacher here at Cassell. Over the course of the year, my goal is to help students become confident, thoughtful readers and creative thinkers. In class, we will focus on building core literacy skills by enjoying daily periods of sustained silent reading, strengthening vocabulary through Greek & Latin roots, and reading & analyzing engaging texts across multiple genres. We have lots to do, and I'm very excited to get started! 😊

1st Quarter Texts/Materials:

- Weekly Greek/Latin Roots word lists
- Leveled fiction short stories
- Leveled non-fiction articles
- Novels:
 - 6th Grade - City of Ember
 - 7th Grade - Among the Hidden
 - 8th Grade - The Giver

Class Values

We aim to create a classroom that is:

- Respectful
- Curious
- Supportive
- Engaged
- Safe for learning
- Warm & welcoming



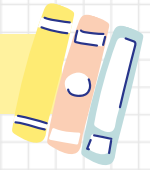
This year's whole-school theme is
ART is the HeART of Learning!

Absent Work

- Students will have 2 days to make up the work for each class day they were absent and will be graded according to the same criteria as if the student had not been absent
- For every day after the 2 days, the assignment will be graded for accuracy and also have 10 points deducted from the remaining total points (Include this in your parent letters!)
- Both absent and non-absent missing assignments are graded as 0% (missing)
- Absent "work" cannot be sent home prior to an expected absence as every assignment is given with instruction and is not considered "busy work." Thank you for your understanding.



Room 119 Schedule Info.



7:45-7:55= Homeroom
7:55-8:55= Enrichment
8:55-9:55= Writing
9:55-10:55= Social Studies
10:55-11:50= Science
11:55-12:40= Recess/Lunch
12:40-1:40= Math
1:40-2:40= Reading

Room 119 Enrichment

Monday: PE
Tuesday: Games
Wednesday: Art
Thursday: Theatre
Friday: Games

Go For the Gold!

Our "Go For the Gold" tally system encourages all students to be the best versions of themselves by...

- being respectful, helpful, and kind to one another
- coming to school prepared and ready to learn
- staying on task throughout the day
- participating in class discussions
- following school rules and making excellent choices each and every day

All students start on Gold each day, but can move down to silver or bronze if their choices don't meet expectations, thereby earning themselves a tally/tallies.

Remaining on Gold all week will earn students special perks, privileges, and incentives.

Please be sure to monitor the tally section of your child's planner regularly and encourage them to Go For the Gold each week! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Keep in Touch!

If you find yourself with questions or concerns that I can help you with, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My email address is jllarson@cps.edu. I check my email each day during my planning period between 8:55 and 9:55. After that, I really do try to find time to check again, but it doesn't always happen. Please know that I will do my best to respond to you ASAP. If your question/concern warrants a phone call or in-person visit, that can be arranged, as well. Start with an email, and we'll get everything set up from there. 😊



Thank you for trusting me to be your child's teacher!
I'm very excited for the wonderful year ahead!

