Welcome to Reading in Room 059 at Omaha North High Magnet School. I’m extremely excited about the 2018-2019 academic school year.

Course Description
This class will focus on individualized reading strategies that will enhance the overall skills of the reader by targeting 3 areas using literary and informational text:

- Vocabulary acquisition
- Reading Comprehension
- Fluency

Types of Assignments
- Individualized reading comprehension
- Inquiry based
- Understand and integrate key ideas and details
- Focus on Craft and Structure

Materials Needed
- Pen or Pencil (please no red, pink, or fluorescent colors) every day
- Student ID
- Binder to keep work and important information
- Notebook
- Book of your choice

Grading
Omaha Public Schools uses Standards Based Grading. Students will receive between a 0 and 4 grade for each assignment. At any time, you can check the student portal to see your progress.

Class Participation
Students are expected to come to class ready to actively participate, listen and engage in the lesson every class period.
Behavior Expectations:
- Must have IDs at all times
- Be in your assigned seats when the bell rings
- Be respectful to all times.
- **Use appropriate language. Cursing and derogatory comments will not be tolerated.**
- **All electronic devices must be turned off**
- Be responsible with your work! If you lose a worksheet, it is your responsibility to get the missed work. Students will not be given multiple copies.
- Be on time. Student must be in their seats when the bell rings for class to begin.
- “Think Like a Viking”

Food/Drink in class
There is absolutely no food permitted in class. Water is acceptable. However, if this becomes an issue with students throwing empty items away this rule could change.

Late Work
Per the district, students are expected to complete coursework on time. Late coursework may be accepted for full credit at the end of the unit per teachers’ professional judgement and evidence collected throughout the unit. Once the unit test is taken no late work will be accepted. The teachers or school may make exceptions depending on student circumstances.

Cell Phone and Earphones Policy
Cell phones and earphones usage will not be accepted in the classroom. Students will be expected to keep cell phones turned off or on silent and put away (out of sight) during class. Failure to do so will result in a teacher taking the device until the end of class or possibly giving the device to the student’s administrator for repeat offenders.

Laptops and Other Electronic Devices
Students are permitted to use school issued laptops only. Any other electronic devices should be put away prior to the beginning of class. School issued laptops are to be used for school work only. Failure to do so will result in the teacher taking the device and having it reset to original status and giving it to the student’s administrator.

Detention
Detention will be served on the day you are assigned, immediately follow school at a designated place. Failure to show up for detention will result in an office referral.

Actions Calling for Immediate Referral
Fighting, verbal or physical harassment, bully and intimidating behavior, or threats to a class member or adult, or any behavior that is causing the classroom to become unsafe will result in an immediate office referral.

I have an open-door policy. You can talk to me at appropriate times about your concerns or academic progress. I am here to support you in any way possible and to ensure you have a successful academic school year.