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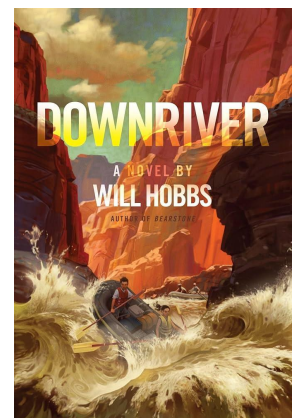
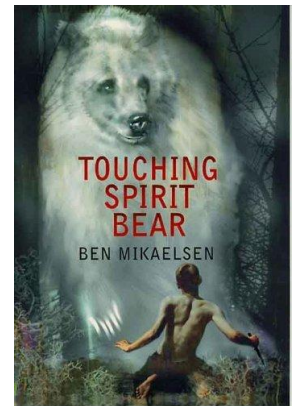
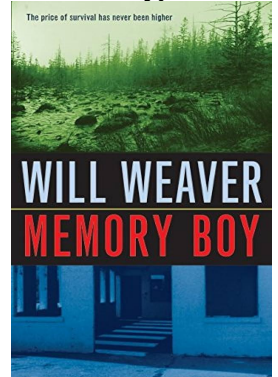
7TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM

Learning Objectives:

By the end of end of 7th grade in Language Arts at BMS, students will be able to:

- Use a variety of short stories and classroom novels to develop an understanding of the elements of literature (characterization, plot, theme, conflict, point of view, tone and mood).
- Gain an understanding of figurative language as well as Greek and Latin prefixes, roots and suffixes to determine the meaning of words and phrases in literary texts.
- Analyze a variety of poems as well as write their own poetry to develop an understanding of the seven key elements of poetry.
- Work collaboratively with classmates to improve their communication and teamwork skills.

Shared Class Readings:



Writing Requirements:

5 paragraph "Person in History" biography

Friendly Letter

Three paragraph Response to Reading essay



Additionally students write weekly journal entries, complete weekly vocabulary assignments and explore the writing process focusing on sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization and editing.

Grading Criteria:

- Independent Reading (Accelerated Reader):
 - Each student will be required to read two books per quarter. Students need to take an AR test or complete a book report form to receive credit towards their independent reading grade.
- Classroom Assignments
 - Each student will be graded on active classroom participation and completion of classroom assignments.
- Assessments and Projects
 - Periodically students will be quizzed or tested throughout units to show proficient understanding. Students will also create a variety of projects throughout the year.