# Welcome to Seventh Grade Communication Arts!

-MISS LEHMAN

### **INTRODUCTIONS**



Meeting the bear of Park City, Utah

- I graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) with highest honors.
- This is my second year at Hershey Middle School, and I am excited to get started.
- Last year I was Assistant Coach for the MS field hockey team. This year I will be helping with the MS and coaching at the High School primarily.
- I will be advising Doorways, our new writing and art magazine at HMS.
- Philosophy: To be a writer, you must write! I keep a writer's notebook and read something (blogs, newspapers, tumblr, twitter, etc) everyday!
- I also love live music, travelling, hiking, and yoga!

### **BELL RINGER**

Now that you have found your seat, we will be playing the game Two Truths and a Lie.

Please put your name on the top right corner of your card.

### BELL RINGER:TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

The point of this game is to get to know one another. Create a list of three awesome things about yourself. One of these outstanding 'facts' must be untrue, but only known to yourself. Your goal in writing down these facts is to make it hard for your partner to guess which 'truth' is actually a lie.

### **Example**

Miss Lehman's Two Truths and a Lie:

- I saw three of my top five favorite bands all in one summer.
- I have never been to the west coast of the US.
- I am a 2005 PA state champion in field hockey.

### TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

You will have five minutes to come up with your two truths and a lie.

When I tell you to, you will turn to a partner and take turns sharing your three "facts."

Try to guess which "fact" is actually a lie. After you have figured out which is which, please discuss details that explain your truths.

I will be around to hear some of your incredible facts!

Be prepared to share some of your interesting information with the whole class!

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Find your seat
- 2. Meet Miss Lehman
  - 3. Bell Ringer: Two Truths and a Lie
  - 4. Class Procedures and Expectation
  - 5. Letters from 7th Grade Survivors.
    - -Gather tips and advice.
    - 6. Review Tips, Questions, and Concerns

## PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING THE CLASSROOM

- Enter quietly with all needed materials.
- Find your seat.
- Look to the front board to review the agenda and immediately start the Bell Ringer activity.
- Unless otherwise stated in the directions, begin working on the Bell Ringer as soon as you sit down.
- Please wait for Miss Lehman to share the Bell Ringer before talking. The Bell Ringer must be completed quietly unless you are asked to talk with a partner.

### LETTERS FROM LAST YEAR

On the last day of school last year, the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders wrote letters to you, the current seventh graders.

### Task:

- 1. Read the letter on your desk.
- 2. Write down at least one piece of advice or a tip the letter gave you on the back of your notecard.
- 3. Switch letters with your partner, read, and write down another piece of advice.
- 4. Raise your hand and I will give you another letter.
- 5. Read the next letter and gather another piece of advice.
- 6. Continue with this process until we review.

## **CLASS WEEBLY**

This year for all things Communication Arts, please go to our website!

http://misslehman.weebly.com

You are responsible for the information on this website. Please check it regularly; it is one of your responsibilities in this class.

### EXITING THE CLASSROOM

- -When you have finished your closing activity for the day you will pack up and turn in any papers as needed.
- Throw away any trash surrounding your desk.
- You will be dismissed when you are standing **quietly** behind your desk with the chair pushed in.
- I will count down 3-2-1 on my fingers. During the count down you must be quiet for the complete 3 seconds. If someone talks, we start over again.
- If you leave without completing the exit procedure you will be asked to come back and try again before going to your next class.

## **HOMEWORK**

1. Take the time to familiarize yourself and your parents/guardians with our class website:

http://misslehman.weebly.com

#### 2. Materials:

2-3 inch binder
5 Individual Dividers
Spiral Composition Notebook
Highlighters
Pencils
Eraser

Please have your binder by next Tuesday, 7/4.

If you have any issues getting a binder, please let me know and we'll discuss other options!