Welcome to Intensive Reading! This is sure to be a year full of new challenges as we strive to not only improve your reading skills, but to also learn to use the Achieve 3000 online platform to complete assignments, take quizzes and engage in chats with engaging articles. We will also be taking the new F.A.S.T. statewide test to measure progress. Keeping a positive attitude and making the commitment to work hard are going to be essential for your success this year. I know that together we can create a positive atmosphere in our classroom where you can learn and grow as a reader.

**Objective**
This course is designed to improve reading comprehension through the acquisition and application of reading strategies. The primary goals are to improve the reading level of each student, create a greater appreciation for reading, and to prepare for graduation. We will be using the Achieve 3000 online reading program as a basis for curriculum and instruction this year. Classroom Instruction will be guided by the Florida BEST standards.

**Required Materials**
*Students must have their VCS laptop in class daily.* It should be fully charged and ready to go. If you have not yet checked out a VCS laptop, please fill out the appropriate forms and see your ELA/English teacher ASAP.
*Students also need earbuds with a microphone* to use with the Achieve 3000 instructional program.
*pencils, highlighter, lined paper*

**Optional Materials to Donate**
tissues, pencils, disinfectant wipes, colored paper, card stock

Thank You for your support!

**Class Requirements**
1. Students should be in their seats and ready for instruction when the tardy bell rings. If you are not in the room when the bell rings, you are “Late” and marked in Focus. Referrals are written after three unexcused “Lates.”
2. All students are required to participate in all portions of the Achieve 3000 program. This includes the online application, independent reading, and all assignments in small group instruction with Mrs. Hoover.
3. Students are expected to complete all assignments and turn them in by the due date.
4. Students are expected to abide by the rules set by Volusia County Schools and DeLand High regarding computer use (see student handbook). Any inappropriate use of computers will result in a discipline referral. This includes being on any social media platform or unauthorized website.
5. Students are expected to follow the guidelines for appropriate student behavior as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
6. Class procedures and conduct expectations have been presented, explained and reviewed in class during the first week of school. Please reach out with any questions.

**Grading Policy**

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*Grade averages are based on the following criteria:
  **Summative** grades 60% (tests/quizzes)
  **Formative** grades 40% (computer work, classwork, reading logs, etc.)

I look forward to a great year in Intensive Reading. Mrs. Hoover