

# Ms. Wolf's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Syllabus



*"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~Dr. Seuss*

*I've got a theory that if you give 100 percent all of the time, somehow things will work out in the end. ~Larry Bird*

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Welcome to 6th Grade Language Arts! I am looking forward to a productive and successful school year. To have such a year, you are expected to be an active participant in class. We will begin the school year with working on grammar, vocabulary, and reading skills. In addition, we will be utilizing the *LANGUAGE!*: The Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum to increase skills in reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and speaking.

## Supplies

Here is a list of what you need to bring to class in order to be successful in Language Arts:

- language arts folder
- notebook
- loose leaf paper
- pens/pencils/highlighters
- eraser
- markers/colored pencils for assignments and projects

## Course Materials

*LANGUAGE!* student workbook

## Units of Study

MEAP Preparation/Review

*LANGUAGE!*

Short Stories

Novel

Throughout the year and throughout each unit we will focus on developing our grammar and writing skills. Since this is Language Arts, you are expected to always write in complete sentences (unless the directions tell you otherwise), paying attention to punctuation, grammar, and spelling. Points will be deducted for incomplete sentences.

## Grading

Your grade will be based on an accumulation of in-class assignments, homework, assessments, projects, writing assignments, and participation. Assessments, quizzes, projects, and writing assignments count towards 70% of your grade and homework and class work count towards 30%. You are also graded on spelling, writing, grammar, vocabulary and communication.

## **Progress Reports**

Although PowerSchool gives you and your parents the ability to check your grades at any time, I will hand out progress reports every other Friday. This is so you can stay informed of how you are doing in class. If you are absent on a Friday when progress reports are handed out, your copy will be in a folder labeled Absent Students' Progress Reports. It is your responsibility to get it. It will stay in this folder for one week.

If you have questions or concerns about your grade, please see me before, after school, or during T2R announcements.

## **Hall Passes/Leaving the Classroom**

**Hall Passes** – You have been given a sheet of 8 Emergency Passes to be used in all of your 6<sup>th</sup> grade core classes. Please use them wisely, as once they are gone, you cannot leave the classroom. If you need to leave, you will sign the PASS LOG (name, date, time, destination), take the CLASSROOM HALL PASS with you. When you return, write the time you returned on the PASS LOG and return the CLASSROOM HALL PASS.

## **Entering/Exiting the Classroom**

**Entering the Classroom** – Please enter the classroom quietly, sit in your assigned seat, and begin working on your starter. If you're not in your seat when the bell rings, you will be marked tardy.

**Exiting the Classroom** – Please stay in your seats until the bell rings. Please do NOT line up at the door – it's a safety issue.

## **Food/Drink/Gum/Cell Phone/iPod Policies**

**Food** - Please do NOT bring food into the classroom.

**Drink** – Water is ok. Please be responsible in taking care of your water bottle.

**Gum** – NO GUM, please.

**Cell Phone** – Cell Phones are not to be seen or used during school time. First time is a warning, second time, I take it until the end of the day, third time, I turn it into the office.

**iPod** – Same thing as cell phones...no earbuds, either, please. It's school policy.

**Listening To/Responding To Questions** - Everyone has the right to be listened to when they are speaking. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment, please raise your hand and wait to be called on. Please do not speak while someone else is speaking. Everyone will have an opportunity to talk.

**Substitute/Guest Teachers** – The expectation at Jefferson Middle School is that students show respect to all people in the building, students and staff alike. When teachers are absent, this respect should extend to your guest teachers. They have a tough job – please show them the utmost respect.

**Policy** – If your name is left by a guest teacher, you will receive a 1 hour detention to be served that Friday of the same week and your parent/guardian will be contacted.

**If you finish early** – read, study, work on homework, draw...please DON'T disturb others by talking, moving seats, etc. While it may not disturb some, for others it interferes with their ability to concentrate...please be respectful of that.

**Assignments** – Please label your papers with your first and last name, date, and hour, as well as assignment name (see example) in the upper right hand corner.

Please write in BLUE or BLACK ink or pencil ONLY.

**Ready to Work!**

•Be prepared to participate. Success comes with the sharing of ideas through discussion and participation.

**ALSO REMEMBER: Jefferson's Positive Behavior System****“STARR”**

- Safety:** Use classroom materials appropriately. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Tolerance:** Treat others as you would want to be treated. Accept others and their differences.
- Achievement:** Do your personal best and have a positive attitude. Practice good study habits.
- Respect:** Use kind, polite language and show consideration for others.
- Responsibility:** Come to class prepared with appropriate materials. Be on time!

I have high expectations for you, both academically and behaviorally, and I will do all that I can to help you be successful in meeting those expectations. If you have any questions or if you ever need extra help, please let me know.

*I look forward to having a successful school year!!!*

-Ms. J. Wolf