



WELCOME TO 6TH GRADE!

MRS. MUTOLO'S LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE ARTS GUIDELINES

Literature

Students will be reading throughout the year, independently and as a class. As a class, we will be reading 4-5 novels. Reading Logs will be assigned each week and a parent or teacher signature will be required for credit. Students will participate in Reading Workshop at least twice per week. The rest of the year will be dedicated to study of different genres of literary works including Mythology, Mystery, and Biographies.

Language Arts

Language Arts will cover grammar, weekly spelling/vocabulary, and writing. Students will explore many genres of writing and will compose short stories, poetry, letters, essays, and journals. Descriptive, narrative, expository, and persuasive essays will be a focus of Language Arts class.

General Guidelines

Literature and Language Arts are two of your core classes in 6th grade. Core classes are those that you **MUST** take and **MUST** pass. Literature and Language Arts are important for you to do well in because they give you the base you need for all of your other classes.

Materials:

There are several materials that you must have for my Literature and Language Arts classes. You will need to have a **single-subject notebook** that is used **ONLY** for Language Arts. You will have a daily journal that must be recorded in the notebook. Please leave two sections in your 3-ring binder devoted to Literature and Language Arts. Other materials that will be necessary are **markers, several packs of post-it notes, small index cards, manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils, paper, highlighters, pencils, red pens, blue or black pens, and of course your creativity and imagination.**

Participation:

Participation is expected! Several grades throughout each quarter will be participation grades and will be figured into your total.

Assignments:

Assignments are given on a daily basis. No, this does not mean that you will have homework every day but you will always have a Reading Log due on Monday and a Vocabulary Test for which to study. Always turn your assignments in on time. Points will be deducted according to lateness.

No Names:

Any paper without a name will receive **1 point** off the total.

Product Descriptors/Rubric:

Any project turned in without its product descriptor/rubric will receive **10 points** off the total.

Grades:

Your grades are your business. You do not need to share your grades with anyone. I work on a point system with a total number of points leading toward an average grade. If you ever have a question about your grade please see me after class or school.

Mondays and Fridays:

Every Monday signed Reading Logs are due. (120 minutes unless otherwise stated) Every Friday we will have a Vocabulary/Spelling test. Vocabulary/Spelling lists will be distributed on Mondays.

One Basic Rule:

Do your best. If you do your best you will do well in my class. I will always be here to help you succeed.

“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.” Anonymous

This Guidelines Sheet:

Hopefully you are reading this and paying attention. You have received 2 of these sheets. One will go home to your parents which you will read together, sign, and return to me by Friday, August 28th for 10 points.

The second will remain in your binder. At the end of the year, I will collect them. If you have it in your binder when I ask for it and hand it in to me, you will receive 10 extra credit points to add to either of your grades. Consider this the first and last extra credit opportunity of the year.

Welcome to 6th grade! Get ready for a great year!!!

I have read and discussed Mrs. Mutolo’s Literature and Language Arts Guidelines with my child. By signing this and returning it to her, I understand the guidelines as stated above.

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Parent’s name (print) Student’s name (print) Class period(s)

Parent’s signature Student’s signature Home phone/Cell phone

Parent’s email address