

## COURSE SYLLABUS

**TEACHER:** Mrs. Brooks

**SCHOOL:** Central Middle School

**ADDRESS:** 1012 Hancock Street

**GRADE/COURSE:** Sixth Grade Language Arts

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The main focus of the Language Arts Program is to develop writers who are able to improve their written communication. In order to achieve this goal, students will be incorporating vocabulary and English grammar into the writing process. The students will be expected to write organized papers within the domains of Descriptive Writing, Narrative Writing, Analytical Writing and Informative Writing.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:** Write Source 2000, Daily Vocabulary and Analogies, Building English Skills, John Collins-Writing Across The Curriculum.

### **MAJOR TOPICS:**

*Conventions And Structures of the English Language*

- Parts of Speech
- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- Types of Sentences
- Sentence Development
- Paragraph Development

### *Vocabulary Development*

- Prefixes and Suffixes/Greek and Latin Roots

### *Oral Presentations*

- *Students will learn to use PowerPoint for these presentations*

### *Literary Devices*

### *Composition*

- Five Step Writing Process
- Descriptive Writing
- Narrative Writing
- Informative Writing
- Analytical Writing

**GRADING POLICY:**

Grades will be determined by performance in the following areas:

*Tests, Essays, Quizzes, Homework, Journal, Class Participation and Effort*

**MAKE-UP PROCEDURE:**

**Students are responsible for making up any tests, homework, or misses notes due to absence.** Homework assignments will be kept on the Homework Board for the whole week, and extra copies of assignments and notes will be kept in a binder on the table under the Homework Board. Arrangements must be made to make up tests either before school or during Seventh Period. **A student will have one week to make up a test or writing assignment** due to absence. \*Extra credit will not be available, so it is very important to study for all tests and quizzes and to make sure that writing assignments and homework are turned in on time!

**HOMEWORK:**

Homework will be given nightly and checked each day. Students will be given homework to reinforce the lesson being taught each day. Short-term and long-term writing assignments and projects will be given. Homework will be assessed based on effort and completion in a timely manner. It will count as a quiz grade for the term.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

Students will need **two folders**. (*One folder is for homework and handouts that **should be brought to class each day**, and one that will remain in class for quizzes and some writing assignments.*) **One notebook and agenda book** must be brought to class each day.

There will be a lot of valuable information that will be glued into each notebook, so a **glue stick** and a **highlighter** will also be very helpful items to have each day too. **I strongly recommend that students keep their notebooks as a reference to be used for later grades!** Students will also need **two pens**; one for writing and one of a different color for editing. Please save the pencils for math!

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_