

SCHOOL: Sterling Middle School
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SYLLABUS

TEACHER Miss Barry

COURSE/GRADE LEVEL Sixth Grade Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Building English Skills (Gold Level), Wordly Wise, Steck & Vaughn Spelling Book
(These books are kept in class. Students will be given packets to take home)

MAJOR TOPICS*

In Language Arts this year we will be covering a variety of topics:

- ❖ The Eight Parts of Speech
- ❖ Different Types of Writing (Descriptive, Narrative, Expository, Comparing and Contrasting, Persuasive)
- ❖ The origin of words in the English Language
- ❖ Homophones, Homographs, and Homonyms
- ❖ Synonyms and Antonyms
- ❖ Prefixes, Suffixes and Root Words
- ❖ Punctuation, Capitalization, and Spelling Skills
- ❖ How to Organize Essays (using outlines and graphic organizers to set up essays)

***ASSESSMENT TOOLS**

Classwork, Journals, Notebook work, Homework, Tests, Quizzes, Essays, Class Participation and being prepared for class

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Students will have approximately 15-20 minutes of homework a night. The sixth grade does not receive homework on weekends, unless they are working on a long-term project. If it seems that your child is spending a lot of time on their homework, he/she can come in before, or after school to receive additional help.

GRADING POLICY

Hi-Five	5%	Journal	5%	Tests	25%
Homework	10%	Notebook	5%	Essays	25%
Classwork	10%	Quizzes	20%		

MAKEUP PROCEDURE

If a student is absent, then he/she should see me to get his/her make-up work. The student will be given additional time to make-up missed work if they are out sick for a long period of time. If a student hands in work late, they will have some points taken off their assignment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students should have a Language Arts notebook which they should bring with them every day. Students will highlight all of their Language Arts notes in yellow. The reason for this is to assist them with organization. Once a student gets back an assignment with a grade, they are free to take these papers home. The students' main focus in Language Arts this year is for them to improve their writing skills. They will be able to write about things they enjoy, as well as improve their spelling, punctuation and grammar.