

**BILL REED MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Syllabus and Classroom Procedures**

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**6<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts**  
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**Course Description:**

Language Arts is a two-semester course required for all 6th grade students. This class will be broken into three major parts: reading, writing, and speaking. The instruction and scoring for this class is based on the Common Core State Standards, which can be found at the following website: <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy>.

**Major Instructional Goals:**

Students will:

- Achieve 6th grade proficiency at reading or improve proficiency by at least one grade level.
- Develop and deliver oral presentations and participate in discussions using basic communication skills.
- Write narrative texts using common story structure and literary elements.
- Write informative, explanatory and argumentative pieces that directly address a prompt and address common standards of writing.
- Cite textual evidence in writing.
- Write using proper grammar and mechanics.

**General Expectations:**

During class, we expect students to be on time, prepared, respectful, and responsible.

Mr. Ford and Mrs. Schlagel's Philosophy on Reading encourages students to: 1) Read at school. 2) Read at home. 3) Read books they love and enjoy. 4) Challenge themselves to read from different genres. Our expectation is that students read 30 books by the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

**Preparation for Class:**

Students begin each day by writing in their agenda and 20 minutes of silent sustained reading (SSR). Every day, students are required to bring an agenda, pencil, blue/black pen, notebook paper, completed homework and a silent sustained reading book. Students will also keep an interactive reader's notebook and Literacy folder. The interactive reader's notebook and Literacy folder will remain in the respective teacher's classroom.

**Standards Based Instruction Categories**

Exemplary (4)

Meets: Performance Indicator (3)

Progressing (2)

Emerging (1)

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**ELA1: Reading - Key Ideas and Details**

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**ELA1: Reading - Craft and Structure**

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**ELA1: Reading - Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

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**ELA1: Writing**

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**ELA1: Speaking/Listening**

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**ELA1: Language**