

6th GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Fern Ridge Middle School

September 2018

Course Description:

6th grade language arts focuses on reading comprehension, writing processes, grammar, speaking and listening skills. In this course, students will have the opportunity to read and act out scenes from Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students will hone their writing skills as they write a persuasive essay and a newspaper editorial. We will also read and analyze several novels as a class, such as *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, and *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle, amongst others. I am committed to fostering an environment that encourages mutual respect, critical thinking, and classroom participation.

Classroom Expectations:

- Try your best
- Help others try their best
- Turn in assignments on time
- Ask for help if needed

Required Supplies:

- * Sharpened pencils, lined paper, colored pencils
- * Spiral notebook (for daily warm ups)
- * Silent reading book

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." ~Garrison Keillor

**Class Policies:**

1. Follow the High 5s at all times.
2. If a student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to check the classroom agenda.
3. Students will receive a tardy if they come to class without the required supplies, or late.
4. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students who plagiarize will be given a zero for the assignment.

Evaluation:

Grades will be proficiency based. Students will be evaluated on their academic achievement rather than both academic and behavioral achievement. Students' grades will be based on their ability to demonstrate their knowledge through different forms of assessment, such as: projects, essays, tests, and speeches. Late work will be accepted for partial credit.

Parent Support:

To maximize student learning, I believe there needs to be a partnership between teachers, students, and parents. Parents can help their son/daughter by providing support in the following areas.

1. Encourage your child to seek help regularly. I'm available after school from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. to help students.
2. Please contact me if you are concerned about your child's grade or behavior in class. Likewise, I will contact you if I have any concerns.
3. Check the daily homework blog and the online grade book at <http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/fernridgems/>.

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I have read and understood the classroom procedures and expectations.

Student name (please print): _____

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please indicate below the best way to contact you:

☐ Parent/Guardian house phone: _____

☐ Parent/Guardian cell phone: _____

☐ Parent/Guardian email: _____

☐ Other ways you prefer to be contacted: _____

Is there anything I should know about your child in order to help him/her be successful in this class?
