

**Syllabus**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts**  
**Mrs. Funk**

**Contact Information:** 609-967-7544 ext. 3518  
Conferences: 8:45 - 9:15, M - Th

**Texts:** McDougal/Littell: *The Language of Literature*; Sadlier-Oxford:  
Vocabulary Workshop; short stories, plays, and novels as assigned

**Classroom Materials:** 3-ring binder with 4 divider tabs  
pencils and highlighter  
pencil case to fit in 3-ring binder

**Course Overview:** There are five components to Language Arts: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, and Viewing. Each of these is an essential life skill, and we will be learning about them in a variety of ways that I hope will engage the students, prepare them for the future, and help to create lifelong learners. Technology (computers, iPads, digital cameras, and Mimeo) is used daily.

**Classroom Rules/Expectations:**

1. Respect for self, classmates, teacher, and property. Everyone's work, opinions, and ideas are valuable.
2. Be prepared. Come to class with assigned work, books, pencils.
3. Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
4. The teacher's desk & computer are off-limit to students unless permission is given.

**Grading:**

Tests & Projects - 40%  
Class Work - 30%  
Homework - 20%  
Quizzes - 10%

**Tests:** Tests are always announced in advance. Generally, vocabulary tests are given weekly, unless we are reading a novel. Novel tests will be given at the completion of the novel. Tests earning a failing grade (below a 66) may

be retaken. The final grade will be an average of the two test scores.

**Projects:** Ample time is always given for completion of projects. The majority of projects will be technology-based. A grading rubric will be given to students when project is assigned. Projects that are handed-in late will lose ten points.

**Class Work:** This includes anything we complete in class including (but not limited to) worksheets and other assignments, in-class reading and writing, in-class projects, discussions, and participation in games and challenges.

**Homework:** Students will generally have vocabulary homework every week. It is assigned on Monday and due on Friday (unless school is closed on the Friday, in which case it is due on Thursday). There will occasionally be additional homework that will be listed on OnCourse. Homework will be graded on a three-point scale:

- 3 - complete and neat
- 2 - nearly complete, neat
- 1 - incomplete, sloppy, or illegible

Late homework will be accepted, but one point will be deducted for each day that it is late. Three missed homework assignments will place a student in "Homework Club".

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will generally be used to assess student understanding of content before a major test. They may or may not be announced. In addition, an independent reading AR quiz will be required every month.

The above is subject to change at discretion of the teacher.

