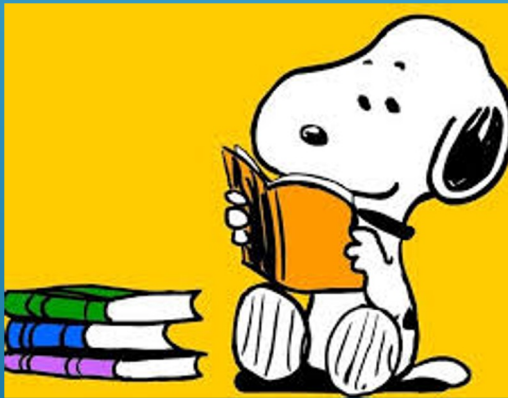


# WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS



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# Middle School Rules:



# GRADE 6 CURRICULUM

## ◆ Class divided into 3 sections:

### 1. Grammar:

- a. *Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics* by Zaner/Bloser
- b. *Easy Grammar for Grade 6* by Wanda Philips

### 2. Writing:

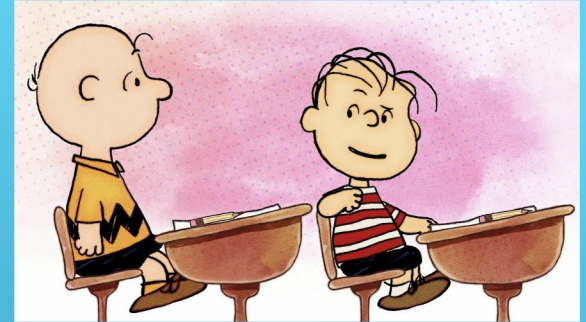
- a. Study and apply the Writing Process & **Six Traits of Writing**
- b. Explore **3 types of Writing**: Narrative, Expository, and Explanatory
- c. Focus on **3 paragraph** essay in preparation for 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- d. Compose different types of **Poetry**

### 3. Literature:

- a. *Liberation of Gabriel King* by K.L. Going
- b. *Holes* by Louis Sachar  
(Both novels are on the iPad.)
- c. Independent reading book (IRB)



# GRADE 7 CURRICULUM



## ◆ Class divided into 3 sections:

### 1. Grammar/Vocabulary:

a. *Easy Grammar for Grade 7* by Wanda Philips

b. *Vocabulary Workshop*:

- Oxford/Sadlier *Vocabulary Workshop* - Units 1-7
- This workshop continues in grade 8 to aid in preparing for diagnostic testing at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and into high school.

### 2. Writing:

a. Study and apply the Writing Process & **Six Traits of Writing**

b. Explore **4 types of Writing**: Narrative, Expository, Cause/Effect, and Explanatory

c. Focus on a **three - five paragraph** essay in preparation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing

d. Compose different types of **Poetry**

### 3. Literature:

a. *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

b. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
(Both novels are on the iPad.)

c. Independent reading book (IRB)

# GRADE 8 CURRICULUM



## ◆ Class divided into 3 sections:

### 1. Grammar/Vocabulary

- a. *Daily Grams* by Wanda Phillips (builds on all Grammar Skills)
- b. *Vocabulary Workshop*: continuing from 7<sup>th</sup> grade which will aid in preparing for diagnostic testing at end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and into high school.

### 2. Writing:

- a. Study and apply the Writing Process & **Six Traits of Writing**
- b. Explore **4 types of Writing**: Narrative, Expository, Argumentative, and Explanatory
- c. Focus on **multi - paragraph** essay, in preparation for high school English classes. Study the **Seven Deadly Sins + 1 in Writing** (used at our Catholic High Schools)
- d. Compose different types of **Poetry**

### 3. Literature:

- a. Short Stories (on iPad)
- b. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (on iPad)
- c. *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli (on iPad)
- d. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz (Need to purchase the hardcover book.)
- e. Independent reading book (IRB)



# GRADING

- \* **Homework: 10%**
  - \* **Classwork: 20%**
  - \* **Quizzes/Small Projects: 30%**
  - \* **Tests/Major Projects: 40%**
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- \* **Midterm Exam: 10%** - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. (Dec.)
  - \* **Final Exam: 10%** - End of 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. (May)
    - Only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade take Midterm/Final Exam.

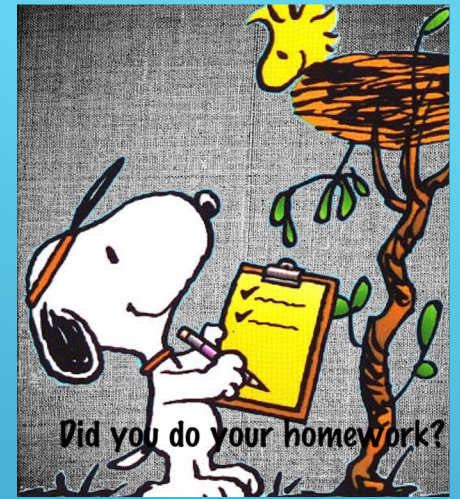


# CLASSWORK - HOMEWORK

1. Classwork (CW) and Homework (HW) will be posted daily on my website.

<http://mrsandersonsj.weebly.com>

2. Missed homework and classwork will be marked in Renweb as “M” (Missing) until the work is made up. Comments will be in Renweb as well.
3. Late work will be subject to 20% off graded assignment.
4. If absent, missing assignments, quizzes, and tests will be marked in Renweb as “AB” (Absent) until the work is made up. Students need to check my website for all missed classwork and homework.



# CONFERENCES

- \* **Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
(October 30 -November 3, 2023)



## PROGRAMS and APPS used in Language Arts:

- \* IXL for Language Arts
- \* Microsoft Word
- \* Notability
- \* Quizlet
- \* Schoology
- \* Showbie



# Questions?

Please email me if you have any questions or concerns during the year.

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