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Flickertail Language Arts Syllabus

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WELCOME FROM MRS. LIEPITZ..

WELCOME to 6th grade Language Arts at Mandan Middle School. My name is Mrs. Liepitz, and I will be your Language Arts teacher this year. I am really excited to meet you and guide you through your 6th grade year. I am a Mandan BRAVE at heart, born and raised, and have an overwhelming amount of Mandan PRIDE. Go Braves! I am currently entering my 5th year of teaching. I graduated from DSU on the BSC campus with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Middle School Endorsement. I am married to Karl, who is an attorney at MDU Resources Group, Inc., and I have one sister, one brother, and two amazing parents! I play on a volleyball league and kickball league with my husband and close friends and LOVE the sports! I enjoy working out at the YMCA and love Zumba and cycle classes. My free time is spent at the lake camping and relaxing, cooking, crafting, reading, writing, and blogging. I am professionally involved as a member of the following organizations: South Central Reading Council (Secretary), MMS AdvancED Team, MMS Positive Behavior Support Team, North Dakota Council of Teachers of English (Secretary), and Bismarck/Mandan Young Professionals Network. As a student member of the Flickertail TEAM, at Mandan Middle School, you will be required to meet the ND Common Core State Standards, learn life skills (teamwork, cooperation, accountability etc.), respect others, show pride, and best of all... have fun! At Mandan Middle School we take PRIDE in Self, PRIDE in Others, and PRIDE in School and work hard to create a positive learning environment in which all students can and will succeed!

ASSIGNMENTS

At the end of each lesson, students will generally be given an assignment to complete to determine the students' understanding of the skill. Approximately 10-15 minutes will be given to the students to complete their assignment. Homework will be minimal to none if the students use their class time wisely.

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

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LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLIES

- red folder (1)
- red notebooks (2)
- red pen (1)
- loose-leaf paper
- highlighter (1)
- pencils (2)
- AR novel
- planner

DAILY LANGUAGE REVIEW

Daily Language Review is a daily review of the 6th grade North Dakota Common Core State Standards. Sixth grade students are expected to be proficient on the skills that are reinforced daily, by the end of their 6th grade year. When the bell rings, students are required to be in their seat completing the Daily Language Review problems. Daily Language Review will be turned in on Friday (or the last day) of each week.

LANGUAGE NOTEBOOK

Students will be required to take notes in their Language Notebook. Notes will consist of vocabulary terms, graphic organizers, and examples. Language Notebooks must be labeled and kept neat and organized. Language Notebooks are graded for completeness and are a great tool to use to study for tests and quizzes.

QUIZZES & TESTS

Tests will be given at the end of each unit to assess the students' knowledge of the ND Common Core State Standards. Test dates will be announced approximately one week prior to the day of the test. Students are highly encouraged to study their Language Notebook, worksheets, and study guides to help prepare for their test. Quizzes will be given periodically throughout each unit to ensure the students are learning the required standards and/or to determine if re-teaching is necessary. Quizzes will be unannounced.

WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

Students will be required to engage in Writer's Notebook Activities on a daily basis. Writer's Notebook Activities will vary from day-to-day and will consist of a variety of fiction and non-fiction writings for a variety of purposes. Many Writer's Notebook Activities will be used to launch larger writing pieces throughout the school year. Writer's Notebooks must be labeled, kept neat and organized, and will be graded for completeness.

"Don't whine. Don't complain. Don't make excuses. Just get out there, and whatever you're doing, do it to the best of your ability. And no one can do more than that."

John Wooden