



SCHWEINFURT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS**  
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**WELCOME** to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts program. The Language Arts program is divided into two sections: one is Grammar and Writing, and the other is Reading Literature.

Along with the normal Language Arts classes that deal with Grammar and Writing skills we will be focusing on skills for the **21<sup>st</sup> Century.** We will be engaging students in areas of critical thinking, problem solving, being effective communicators and skills needed in the work force.

Course Focus:

To learn to become good writers for a variety of reasons. These modes of writing will include: information, persuasive, narrative, and descriptive. Another focus will be with the mechanics of writing by using correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. Specific course standard for 6<sup>th</sup> grade writing may be found under; Instruction on the DoDEA website: <http://www.eu.dodea.edu>. The following list is some of the highlights of the standards:

1. Writing:
  - a. Produce a report
  - b. Write a response to Literature
  - c. Demonstrate the use of the writing process
  - d. Write for different audiences and purposes
  - e. Write different forms of essays
  
2. Conventions, Grammar and Usage:
  - a. Demonstrate control of the convention of Grammar
  - b. Analyze and revise written work

Objectives:

1. Students will become proficient in the various forms of writing.
2. Students will become proficient in grammar and spelling usage.

## **Procedures:**

**Planners:** Students are expected to write assignments in their planners daily. Parents and teachers may communicate with one another by writing notes in the planners. Parents are encouraged to scan their child's planner for homework assignments each evening and to utilize the notes section to correspond with teachers.

**Daily Work/Class Work:** When an activity is assigned in class, the student is expected to complete the assignment as directed and turn it in on the due date. Most class work should be completed in class but if not then it will become homework.

**Homework:** Students will have weekly spelling tests and writing assignments. Also, as stated above class work not completed will become homework. Homework figures into the grade for the each quarter.

**Absences:** All work missed due to an absence shall be made up upon the student's return to school. It is important that the absent student fulfill their assignments as soon as possible.

## **Evaluation:**

Grading scale: Class work is assigned points, weekly spelling tests, essays, homework and large projects all count in the quarter grade.

A = 90-100%    B = 80-89%    C = 70-79%    D = 60-69%    F = below 59%

## **Classroom Expectations and Environment:**

Students will come to class prepared with planner, notebook and paper, textbook, pen and or pencils, handouts and homework (when due). They must be in their seats when the bell rings and working or reading quietly.

Students will show respect for themselves, teachers, other students, and property. (This includes usage of appropriate language and being considerate of other's personal space.) Courtesy to others is expected at all times.

Students will put a proper heading on all papers to include name, date, class period, and assignment.

Students will leave class with all of their personal belongings after cleaning up their workspace and returning all materials to their proper place.

**A Special Note for Parents:**

We look forward to a wonderful year and to the opportunity of working as a team with you and your child. We welcome and encourage your questions, contributions and concerns. Please feel welcome to come and visit the class anytime and we welcome your help.

**A Special Note for Students:**

Involve yourself in your education. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. This means listening carefully, asking questions, participating in class activities, completing assignments, and having a positive attitude. It's going to be a great year and we look forward to many adventures with you.

Thank you,

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