6 INDIGO LANGUAGE ARTS

Expectations & Guidelines for 2020-21

Dear Students,

Welcome to Room 202! I know that some of you may be feeling a bit nervous or overwhelmed with the transition from Elementary School to Middle School. But please do not worry! Your teachers are here to help. And one way to help you out is by giving you some tips and guidelines that will lead you to your success. So, please refer to this packet at any time so that you can always understand our classroom a bit better.

WHAT TO EXPECT: WRITING & READING

Writing Assignments: Narratives, Essays, Creative Writing. We will always write about our reading!

Short Stories, Class Texts, Class Novels: To be announced once it comes. Try to avoid reading these pieces of literature beforehand ... it will ruin the experience!

Independent Reading: Unlike elementary school when you may have had an entire class period to read, independent reading becomes a self-sustained task throughout 6th grade. More on this in Literacy

Main Goal for 6th Grade Writing & Reading:

- To build more writing & reading **ainmtas**



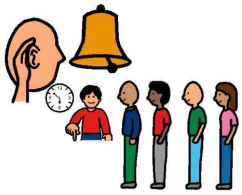
WHAT TO BRING EVERY DAY:



1. **CHARGED** chromebook
2. TMS Planner
3. Blue Language Arts Binder
4. Pencil, Pen, Highlighter

BEFORE CLASS STARTS:

Before the bell rings, you may…	**However, you are NOT allowed to…**
⇨ Go to your locker and get necessary materials ⇨ Socialize with your classmates ⇨ Get a drink of water ⇨ Go to the bathroom	⇨ Come into class and stand around socializing ⇨ Try to tell me that you forgot your homework ⇨ Ask to go print an assignment that was due for class



WHEN THE BELL RINGS:

Class starts the moment the bell rings. 44 minutes can go by very quickly in middle school so there is absolutely no time to **deawld**. Here's how to start the first five minutes of class every single day:

1. I don't mind if you chatter with those around you but once the bell rings, it should be silent.
2. Turn on your chromebook, take out your TMS planner, & write down your homework
3. Get started on the *Please Do Now*.
4. Once you are done with your *Please Do Now* (and you truly believe that you completed it to the best of your abilities), you can take out your Independent Reading Book and continue to read.

HOW AM I GRADED?: You are NOT your grade!



Unlike any other classes, Language Arts is based on a **point system**: you collect points for every assignment and at the end of the marking period your grade is calculated as followed:

the points you've earned ÷ maximum number of points possible

Assignment weight:

- Homework: 1-5 points
- Quizzes/Tests: 10-25 points
- Essays/Papers: 30-40 points

AS A RESULT: In the beginning of a marking period, if you forget to hand in a 3 point homework assignment, and it's the only assignment given, parent portal will automatically post that you have an "F" because you have accumulated a 0 out of 3 points. DO NOT PANIC! As more assignments come in, more points will be earned and your grade will continue to fluctuate depending on how many points you earn on the other assignments.

MISSING CLASS:



If ever you are absent for class, you may have to **mtsaeopnec** for the lost time.

How to check what you missed:

- Ms. Brooke Levine's website
- Email me at jtak@tenafly.k12.nj.us (don't forget to use your student email!)
- Join the extra help sessions - anyone is welcome!

****THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

You have the same amount of days missed to make up work. For example, if you missed two days, you have two days once you return to make up work. However, if you ever miss a day when an assignment is due, you must submit your work the day you return – no exceptions!

HANDING IN ASSIGNMENTS:



This year, most, if not all assignments will be collected **ONLINE**. Once completing an assignment you must click **TURN IN.** Any assignment that isn't turned in will be marked as "missing" or "incomplete". I will accept most late assignments, but please ask!

Daily Homework : read 20 minutes of your independent reading book every day-- this applies for literacy
Weekly Homework: One Vocabulary.com assignment weekly (unless stated otherwise)

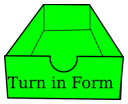
GETTING TO KNOW THE CLASSROOM STATIONS:



- CLASSROOM LIBRARY: Looking for a nice read? Head on over to our classroom library and choose a book to borrow.

  * We will be using an online library check-out system called "booksource". I will explain how to use this system more during class and everyone will have a chance to use it!

- SIGN-OUT SHEET: Always sign out!
  - If you ever need to leave the classroom (bathrooms, nurse, office, etc.), choose an opportune moment to ask. This means that you shouldn't be asking in the middle of a lesson or during a class discussion (unless it is a complete emergency).
  - When you sign out, you must write down your full name, date, time out, reason for leaving, and also you must sign back in once you return.



- TURN-IN BIN: There will be times when the "Please Do Now" asks for you to hand in your homework. If so, please walk over to your period "turn in" bin and neatly place your work. Don't forget to check for your name before handing it in!

- YOU'VE GOT MAIL: Graded assignments will be placed in the file bins (located on top of the bookshelves). When "You've Got Mail", I will call up each group individually and you will walk over and retrieve your graded assignment. During this time, there should be absolutely no sharing of grades or asking, *What did you get?* Your grade is your own so please respect others as well, as asking them a question may place them on the spot!



- SUPPLIES: I don't mind when you borrow materials, but it's considered proper **teiteeuqt** PLEASE return! It's for all of 6Navy!

CONSEQUENCES:

Consequences are results or effects of inappropriate behavior and consequences will come to those who are doing something that shouldn't be done. Here's what happens:



In Class:
Consequence #1: I will give you my "you shouldn't be doing that" look
Consequence #2: I will ask you to leave the classroom and take a seat next to the doorway
Consequence #3: See me after school (email/call home for inappropriate behavior)

EXTRA HELP: COME ON IN!



Monday, Wednesday, & Friday Mornings: 8am
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday After School

* It is absolutely **iipmvereat** for you to come in if you need help! Don't go home confused!

IN CLOSING:

I want you to know that I am so glad and very excited to have you in this classroom. I can't wait to learn about each and every one of you, and I have no doubt that you are capable of reaching success at a higher level than you had ever thought possible. Your voice, insights, and questions are valued in this classroom, so don't ever forget that what you do in the classroom matters!

LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!