

Ms. Byers' Sixth Grade English Language Arts

Reading: We will start the year with weekly reading lessons from the *Into Reading* Houghton Mifflin reading curriculum (new this year). Throughout the year we will read a number of books as well, known as trade books. These include but not limited to: *Kensuke's Kingdom*, *Freedom Walkers*, *Brian's Winter*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Number the Stars*, and *Esperanza Rising*. *Please note: when we switch to a trade book, homework and weekly assignments will be different. I will send a Class Dojo message before we start reading these!

Book Reports: Students will be responsible for completing one book report each trimester. We will start trimester one with fiction. *I will have much more information sent home about this!*

→IMPORTANT: Library days are on Fridays!

Homework: Students will be given a reading log at the beginning of each week. This reading log will be due by the last day of the week. **Students will be given their first reading log on Monday September 9, 2024.** Students need to read a minimum of 15 minutes each night; however, I encourage you and your student to find a system at home that works for you. This could mean reading the minimum for the week all in one day, or if your child is in sports or other extracurricular activities, they may choose to skip a night and read double the next. Students can choose whatever they want to read for this homework. It will work to students' best interest to read their book report book once they have chosen one, but they do not have to. The reading material does not have to be at grade level but I do encourage material that is at your child's specific **reading** level. Students will be given their individual reading level during the second week of school, once we have completed DIBELS testing.

Writing: Our focus for the year is essay writing; following the five paragraph model. Trimester 1 will be narrative writing, trimester 2 will be informative and trimester 3 will be argumentative. We will use Google Classroom for the majority of writing.

Behavior expectations:

1. Follow the three school wide rules:
 - A. Be Safe- keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself
 - B. Be Respectful- treat others with respect and everyone's learning environment
 - C. Be Responsible- follow directions the first time and complete your assignments
2. Participate, ask questions, learn from mistakes.
3. Do your best every day!

Grading:

Sixth grade uses letter grades. Class grades are a culmination of projects, tests, homework, and classwork.

Letter	Percent
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

If you have questions or concerns, please send me a message on Class Dojo, email me at bbyers@coquille.k12.or.us, or call 541-396-2914.

Communication is an essential part of making any school year a success. I encourage students to talk to me directly about any questions or concerns they may have. Students can talk to me after class, at the end of the day, write me a note, or email me using their school email address. My school email address is bbyers@csd8.info.

After you and your child have read through this please sign and detach the bottom portion of this and return to school. I look forward to a great year! 😊

Thank you!

Ms. Breanna J. Byers

Please cut and return just the bottom portion.

Please return by September 6, 2024. **This will count as the first homework assignment.**

I have read and understood the expectations for Ms. Byers' class.

Student's name _____

Student signature _____

Parent/Guardian _____