

Mrs. Torres

6th Grade LA

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Email is the best way to contact me!

Dear 6th Grade Parents and Students,
Congratulations on completing the elementary stage of your education and welcome to Middle School!

I am very excited about working with you to help you to become the best reader and writer that you can be.

Interactive Notebooks- We will be creating an interactive notebook in my class. This requires a constant use of scissors and glue. Glue sticks work best. Please make sure your student has an adequate supply of these materials at all times.



Materials:

Accordion Folder for all classes

Pencils

Agenda

1 3-subject notebook

2 prong folders

Colored pencils

Glue

Pencils

Bulldog Folder

Scissors

Colored pen or pencils for grading

Language Arts-

In Language Arts this year we will be covering unit standards in Reading, Writing, Communication, and Multimodal Literacies. Students will be assessed in a variety of ways, including unit tests, quizzes, projects, essays, and presentations.

The Hub: This year, Prince William County teachers will be using The Hub to post grades, notes, reminders, and other useful items. All major assessments and homework will be posted to the calendar on my page.

To access my page, go to the Marsteller Home page. Click on Teacher Pages and find Mrs. Torres.



Homework

Homework in language arts is used to build reading stamina as well as practice skills.

The homework in my class is usually a weekly assignment that is due on Friday and assigned the first day of the week. It will vary from a reading log with reading response, an article of the week, or Study Island, but each day a student should read at a minimum of 20 minutes per day. Language Arts homework will begin the 9th of September.

In addition, your students will occasionally have homework on work that has not been completed in class. This year we will be completing one book project on an outside reading book.

There will also be a book challenge that we will be completing throughout the year. These topics will be covered in more detail at a later date.

Absences

It is the responsibility of the student to collect any missed work. The student will be allowed 2 days per missed day to make up the work. If an absence is anticipated in advance please notify me AND the office at least 1 week in advance to prepare materials.

Summative Assessments will be made up during "flex-Time", or at another time that is agreed upon.

Late Work

In order to provide timely feedback and to ensure that you are making progress towards mastery of the 6th grade standards late work is highly discouraged. No late work will be accepted after the grading period has ended. There will be a cut-off of 2 weeks before the end of the grading period to get late work in.

Classroom Policies

Grading

Grading Policy:

Students are graded on mastery of the Virginia State Standards of Learning (SOLs) or "Learning Targets".

- A** **Mastery**
- B** **Approaching**
- C** **Room for Growth**
- D** **Area of Concern**
- F** **Not Mastered**

20% Formative (classwork, homework)

30% Summative 1 (quizzes, smaller writing assignments/projects)

50% Summative 2 (exams, major projects/writing assignments)

Retake Policy- Students are allowed to retake summative assessments (tests and quizzes) (within 2 weeks) after teacher approved remediation and a retake form is filled out.

Expectations

Our school-wide behavior focus is the BARK system- Behavior, Attitude, Responsibility, Kindness.

As a class I expect every student to:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Ready to Learn

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning,
 - 2nd Offense: Contact Home,
 - 3rd Offense: Contact Home, Student completes Behavior Reflection Form,
 - 4th Offense: Office Referral.
- If a severe offense occurs an Office Referral will be issued immediately