

6 Red Language Arts

Welcome to 6th Grade Language Arts. I am excited to begin another great school year with your child. My name is Jennifer Velazquez and this is my eleventh year in the Gurnee School District. I enjoy teaching my students in the world of literacy. During the year, students are encouraged to use their creativity, share their ideas and opinions through active classroom discussions, and take part in a variety of projects used to enhance learning.

Below is information about the 6 Red Language Arts program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

OVERVIEW OF WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN THIS YEAR:

- *Greek and Latin Roots
- *Short Stories
- *Novel Studies
- *Writing
- *Poetry
- *Non-Fiction

THE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSROOM

- *The Language Arts classroom will be a combination of direct instruction and self-paced learning.
- *In self-paced learning, students will have the opportunity to view lessons/ assignments via video and work at their own pace. During class time I will discuss their goals individually so students know the material they need to complete in order to receive full credit each day.

LONG-TERM ASSIGNMENTS

- *Students will have a required reading assignment each month. Students will choose a book at their Lexile Level and will complete a sheet along with the reading.
- *Students may choose a book from our school library, their own library, or from the Required Reading Bookcase in the classroom. Selection of the book will depend on the monthly assignment.

HOMEWORK/PRACTICE

*Students will study Greek and Latin roots. Each week they will receive a “root sheet” with definitions, and will complete activities having to do with the roots.

Students will then have a test on the definitions and spelling of these root words.

*Students may also have additional homework/practice assignments throughout the week. The expectation is that assignments are to be turned in the day that they are due.

*6 Red Team grading policies apply to late work. Information regarding these policies will be sent home.

QUIZZES/TESTS

*Students will take quizzes and tests throughout the year to evaluate learning of the material presented in class.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

*Be productive

*Be responsible

*Be safe

*Be respectful

I know that by working together, this will be a great year!

Mrs. Velazquez

847 336 2108 x2101

jvelazquez@d65.org

<http://6redla.weebly.com>

Please sign below, indicating you have read and understand the procedures and expectations for 6th Grade Language Arts!

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____