



6th Grade LA/Lit Information Packet



St. Anne Middle School

Please read, sign, and return by Thursday, September 17th.

September 2, 2008

Dear _____ and Family,

I am very excited for this new school year. I look forward to getting to know each one of you. This sheet is meant to inform all of you about how this class will run.

What things will I need every day for reading and writing?

- You will need your independent reading book, your weekly reading log, and a supply of post-its.
- In your binder you will need your reading response journal, your writer's notebook, and writing utensils.
- Student Planner

What are the procedures in this classroom?

Every time we come into class we will follow these procedures:

- Enter the classroom quietly and sit down.
- Look at the board for your first set of directions.

What will I be learning this year?

During language arts and literature, we will be practicing our reading and writing skills.

- In reading we will work on various reading strategies (ex: determining the main idea, sequencing, drawing inferences and making connections) as well as exploring literary principles (plot, theme, etc.).
- In writing we will tackle the six traits of writing while working within the five steps of the writing process. In addition we will be practicing the rules of the English language.

How will I be graded?

Your literature grade will be made up of three parts: Spelling, Reading Comprehension, and Independent Reading (Accelerated Reader & Reading Logs).

Your language arts grade will be made up of three parts: Content/Organization/Style (Six Traits), Conventions, and Grammar.

What if I have a question?

I am available at your lunch recess, before or after school. Keep in mind that you need to schedule an appointment to be allowed in the building before school. Email me any time to let me know you want to come in early (and to be sure I don't have a meeting).

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****Confused about an assignment due date or need an extra reading log or other form? Please go to my teacher web page! I update it often with lots of important information.**

<http://www.teacherweb.com/WA/StAnneSchool/MsVanTassell/>

Student Name _____ Date _____

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Parent Email address _____

Please note that students are required to have an independent reading book and their reading log in class every day. Failure to do so will greatly impact a student's literature grade.