Ms. Karen Mays

Course Syllabus 2022-2023

6th Grade ELA and 6th Grade Science

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Welcome students and parents to the new 2022-2023 school year. My name is Ms. Mays and I will be teaching 6th Grade ELA and Science. I am looking forward to this new school year with each of my students.

**Course Description and Objectives**

 During this full year course, students will be taught 6th Grade ELA and 6th Grade Science. The courses are designed to follow the general curriculum with accommodations to address a multitude of learning styles and needs. Students will use a problem-based approach to learn the subject matter.

**Assignments and Absences**

Students will receive a variety of assignments designed to enhance their learning. If a student is absent, the student is responsible for the missed assignment. Students who have an excused absence will be allowed five days to turn in the missed assignment. No work will be accepted after five days. If a student is absent, he/she is responsible for getting their own make up work. All work is due within 5 days after the student has returned. If the student misses a quiz or test, the student must inform Ms. Mays immediately in order to schedule a day and time to take it.

**Grading**

Classwork - 35%

Quizzes – 15%

Tests– 25%

Homework- 5%

Projects-20%

**Grades**

A 90 – 100

B 80 – 89

C 75 – 79

D 70 -74

F Below 70

**Expectations**

1. Respect yourself, peers and all adults.
2. High expectations ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!
3. Be prepared for class daily.
4. Every student is responsible for helping to maintain a clean, safe learning environment and to participate in daily math lessons.
5. Adhere to all policies, rules, and regulations outlined in the student handbook.

**Classroom Procedures & Expectations**

1. Walk into the classroom quietly and take your seat.
2. If you are tardy, you must have a pass.
3. Sharpen your pencil or visit the wastebasket before class begins. This must be done within the first three minutes of coming to class.
4. As soon as you are seated, get out all materials needed for class.
5. During assessments you are to raise your hand if you have a question and I or the head teacher will come to you. Always bring a book to read after you finish your test because not everyone will finish the test at the same time.
6. During class work, raise your hand and I or the head teacher will come to you. If we are with another student, wait patiently and we will get to your question.
7. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check to see which assignments you missed. **It is your responsibility to complete the assignments within five days.**
8. Do not stand up, pack your book bag, clear off your desk or leave the classroom until instructed to do so.
9. During a fire or tornado drill, remain calm and walk quietly to our designated areas.
10. During any announcements be quiet and listen until they are finished.

**Behavior Interventions**

• 1st time – Verbal warning/Conference with student about the misbehavior and its negative impact on their learning.

• 2nd time – Parental contact to discuss behavior and interventions.

• 3rd time – Conference with student and graduation coach, liaison, or counselor.

• 4th time – Referral to administration

**\*\* Any student who is a major disruption to classroom procedure will be referred immediately to their assistant principal.**

**\*\*\*The classroom is a safe environment where everyone, regardless of background and ideals, is free to empress himself/herself. If you or anyone else feels unsafe in the classroom, please notify your teacher right away so the situation can be remedied**

**Course Materials for ELA and Science**

1. Notebook Paper

2. 3-inch binder or 1-inch binders (2 quantity)

3. Composition Notebook

4. Dividers (7)

5. Pencils

6. Post it notes

7. Graph Paper

8. Colored pencils or markers

9. Highlighters

10. Sheet Protectors

For Classroom (not mandatory)

* Tissue
* Hand Sanitizer
* Paper
* Pencils

**Notification of Assignments/Updates**

Please visit the school website under the lead teacher’s website to see assignments and Homework for the week.

Grades for assignments will be posted within three days of the due date.

**TUTORING**

Tutoring times TBA

++Tutoring Schedule will be modified based on meetings (Faculty and Parent).

**Grade Recovery:**

Any student that has a grade below a 70 at the end of each grading period will receive a *Grade Recovery Contract*. Grade forgiveness will be used, whereby the original failing grade is replaced by the Grade Recovery grade for computing grade-point averages.

**Contact Information**

Parent Name (Print):

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signing this acknowledges that I will strive for success.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact Information (please print legibly below):**

* **E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **Work phone # and hours \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Please check the best way(s) to contact you.**

**Brag Letter (Parents…this is your opportunity to tell me anything about your child: good or bad)**

**Conferences**

**In order to schedule a conference with your teachers, please contact the Guidance Office.** [(706) 737-7301](https://www.google.com/search?gs_ssp=eJzj4tLP1TcwN8stMyswYLRSNaiwsEizTDEyN080MUuzNDMytzKoMElJSzGwTDQ2S7GwNEwyTfUSy0nMS0_LL0pRyM1MSclJVShOzsjPzwEAGfEWtw&q=langford+middle+school&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS851US851&oq=langford&aqs=chrome.2.69i57j46l3j0l4.9152j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on)