



Dear Families,

Welcome to an exciting year at C. T. Walker Magnet School! I am thrilled to be teaching your child English/Language Arts this year. Under my instruction, your child can expect to master the 6th Grade Georgia Standards of Excellence in regard to Reading, Writing, and Language (Grammar and Conventions).

Course Overview

In 6th grade, we will build on concepts learned in previous grades. Students will explore texts (articles, short stories, novels, etc.) of varying degrees of complexity. There will also be a big focus on writing. In addition, students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in standard English language usage. In the spring, 6th grade students are normally required to take the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment, but given the current pandemic situation, this requirement is subject to change.

We will be doing a lot of reading in the classroom, but we ask that parents/guardians also ensure that their children read at least 20 minutes each evening.

Supplies

Students **must** bring all supplies to class daily. **Mandatory** supplies are:

- one composition notebook (no wire bound notebooks, please)
- one binder (this may be used for other classes as well, but it is the student's responsibility to keep papers organized)
- notebook paper (enough to last the entire school year)
- glue sticks (preferred) or white glue
- pencils or pens (blue or black ink for any assignments to be turned in)
- coloring utensils (colored pencils, markers, or crayons)
- kids' scissors
- earbuds or headphones

Optional, but not required:

- highlighters and pens of assorted color ink to enhance note taking
- index cards
- (one) pack of notebook dividers

Grading

Class grading will be calculated as follows:

Classwork – 30%

Quizzes – 25%

Tests /Performance Tasks– 35%

Homework – 10%

***Unless otherwise stated, 11 points will be deducted from an assignment for each day it is late. (Extenuating circumstances will be excused).**

Policies

***Any cell phones/tablets or other electronics brought to school by students are to be kept put away. Electronics brought to school by students are not to be used in my class unless I give permission to use them for INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES ONLY! If a student chooses to violate this policy (as outlined by Richmond County's BYOT regulations), the student will be subject to disciplinary action.**

*Behavior that hinders another student's learning will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in Richmond County's Code of Conduct.

The dress code will be strictly enforced. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, jeans with holes above the knee, mini-skirts, sagging pants, bandanas, sweat bands, and leggings (unless covered by the appropriate length garment). Hoods and hats will not be worn inside the building. Students who refuse to comply will be in violation of Richmond County's dress code policy and subject to discipline.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

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I have read and agree to the terms of the syllabus.

Student's name _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____