

Language Arts

7th Grade Honors and On-Level



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About Your Teacher

I am very excited to part of the Payne family this year. I live in Gilbert with my husband and three kids. All of my kids have or are attending CUSD schools. I have taught 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th grades. I have my business degree from ASU, my teaching degree from Ottawa University and my masters from NAU. I look forward to getting to know you. We have a lot of exciting things to learn.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Language Arts includes reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, listening and speaking. We will read from the Pearson reading book and complete several literature studies throughout the year. Grammar, writing, and vocabulary will be incorporated into our work throughout the week, as well. We will also be working on projects, researching and expanding our knowledge about the world around us.

EXPECTATIONS

You are responsible for your behavior and actions and the consequences that may result from them. Make sure that you display positive behaviors and attitude by remembering our school rules: **Respectful Choices, Own Your Actions, Act Safely, and Respond with Integrity**. You can do this by working together with your peers in class and completing all work to your best effort.

All students need to attend class daily. It is difficult to overcome the instructional loss that occurs with frequent absences. If an absence occurs, it is the student's responsibility to check Absent Work Folder, Google Classroom or see me about missed assessments, projects, and/or homework. I am always available by appointment before and after school to assist with make-up work. I strongly advise all students to be self-advocates and email me with any questions.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2021-2022

1st Semester

July 21 - December 16, 2021

2nd Semester

January 4 - May 26, 2022

[Calendar for school year](#)

SUPPLIES

Pencils, Pens, & erasers
2 Composition Notebook (one per semester)
Rolls of tape
3 Ring binder (only one for all 6 classes)
Loose leaf lined paper
Highlighters
Pencil sharpener
Scissors
Pencil pouch for all supplies
Colored pencils

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CLASS POLICY

GRADING POLICY

Grading is a reflection of a student's achievement on a variety of assessments and classroom assignments. Grades are earned, not given. Our school takes pride in the fact that our students earn their grades by hard work, perseverance, and a commitment to learn by demonstrating they understand the content of the course. Assignments will be graded based on their quality, creativeness, relevance and ability to communicate an idea or message. Quizzes will be given to help facilitate understanding of the course concepts and help guide instruction. Final grades will be given based on quality of performance tasks, assessments and class participation. There will be a semester final that will average in as 10% of semester grade, as well.

You will earn a course grade based on your performance in the following categories:

Assessments 60%
Performance Tasks/Assignment/Homework 40%

CHECKING YOUR GRADES

We strongly advise that parent(s)/guardian(s) and students check Infinite Campus weekly and communicate with me with any questions or concerns as soon as possible. I highly encourage the student to email or approach me with any questions or concerns ASAP.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP and Cell Phones

Students will have access to use devices in the classroom. Students are responsible for taking care of device usage and will be liable for any costs for damages incurred. Refer to the Internet and Computer Use Agreement sent home at the beginning of the school year for more information about technology use.

Cell phones are permitted ONLY if I ask you to use it for a lesson, such as research. Phones are to remain in your backpack and they must be off. If you are using the phone when it is not required, it will be confiscated and sent to office.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments submitted after the due date will be considered late and the grade will be reduced. Should there be a medical or family emergency, and to avoid reduction of grade, contact me prior to the assignment due date. Expect and plan for contingencies and technical problems - they will happen.

GRADES

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A

90-100%

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B

80-89%

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C

70-79%

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D

60-69%

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Be the
Best
version of
you!

Mistakes
are proof
that you
are trying!

It always
seems
impossible
until it is
done!

Office Hours:

by
appointment
on
MWF from
8:15 to
9:00 am &
4:00 to
4:30 pm

More information

EXPECTATIONS

1. Phone away, unless I ask you to use for an assignment.
2. Be kind and respectful at all times.
3. Be on time and come prepared to class.
4. Ask permission to leave your seat/class.
5. Raise hand and wait to be called on before you speak.
6. Follow directions the first time they are given.

All school rules also apply, see handbook for specifics

HOMEWORK

Homework is not busywork. It is necessary for you to complete homework in order to participate in class and develop important skills. If you choose not to complete homework it will impact your grade and make success more difficult to attain. Homework is NOT assigned nightly. It will depend on what we will be working on in class.

STEPS TO RESOLVE UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

If behavior problems arise:

1. I will have a private conversations with you first. I hope that will resolve the issues.
2. I will write a classroom conduct notice and contact your parents.
3. I will write a referral and administration will handle it.

Please know some steps above may be skipped depending on the severity of the incident.

REMIND APP TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH CLASS

I will use remind in each of my classes. What is Remind?

Remind is a website and app that acts as a communication platform for teachers to send messages to multiple recipients at once. That means direct communication with the entire class, or sub-groups, **in a secure way.**

Each class will be given the sign up code during class.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ALL YEAR

[Free Meals information](#)