



**Classroom expectations:**

- Respect yourself, others, and property at all times.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Pay attention in class and be engaged in daily lessons.
- Be in assigned seat ready to start when the bell rings.
- Be prepared for class each day and have all the necessary supplies (this includes having all of your books, a pen/pencil to write with, and a spiral/notebook paper to write on, etc.)
- Turn in your work neatly and on time.
- Always do your best work every day! 😊
- Work with integrity and honesty. (no copying, do your own work!)

**Class Materials:**

**DAILY:**

- Language Network textbook
- Language Network workbook
- Vocabulary Workbook
- Assignment notebook
- Book for silent reading
- Organization system that works for you – binder or folder
- Paper – loose leaf or spiral
- Spiral notebook for journal
- Pencils/Pens
- Red grading pen

**WHEN NEEDED:**

- Dry erase marker
- Coloring supplies (colored pencils/markers)
- Glue stick
- Scissors

**Homework Policy:** A homework assignment will be considered late if it isn't complete and in with the student in the beginning of class on the due date. A percentage of the grade will be deducted from the graded assignment based on the number of days late. 1 day late – minus 25%, 2 days late – minus 50%, 3 or more days late – a zero will be issued for the assignment. Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> late or missing assignment, academic intervention may be recommended.

<b><u>Grading Scale:</u></b>	90%-100%	A
	80%-89%	B
	70%-79%	C
	60%-69%	D
	59% ↓	F

**Grading Policy:** Language Arts will be graded on a point system. Points will vary depending on the size of each class activity, homework assignment, project, writing assignment, quiz, or test. Quizzes may or may not be announced prior to being given in class. There will be at least a 2 day notice before a test is given.

**Absent Policy:** Please refer to the student handbook. **It is the student's responsibility to retrieve missing work for the day(s) absent from school. Work that would have been due on the day of an absence is due upon student arrival back to school.** Due to the nature of the language arts curriculum and the student's understanding of the topics being covered, homework will not be given in advance for extended absences from school. All work will be given to the student when he/she returns in accordance with the student handbook on absences

**Locker and bathroom passes:** Each student will receive 4 locker and 4 bathroom passes per trimester. Any remaining passes will be extra credit at the end of the grading period.

**Communication:**

I truly believe that open communication between the home and school is the key to all children's success at school. Sixth grade can be a trying time for some students. Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

- Mrs. Fox's contact information:
  - The best way to contact me is through email: [hfox@fsd157c.org](mailto:hfox@fsd157c.org)
  - Phone: 469-4474 ext. 4153. If I am unable to be reached, please leave a voice mail and I will return the call as soon as possible. (Please note that calls will not be put through to the classroom during academic times.)

**Course Description:** The text used in Language Arts is McDougal Littell's Language Network. We also use Vocabulary for Achievement workbook from Great Source.

### **Grammar and Language**

- Sentence structure and parts
- Parts of speech
- Grammar usage
- Punctuation and mechanics

### **Vocabulary**

- Introduction of words
- Phonetic skills
- Word affixes
- Dictionary skills
- Reading and reasoning skills

### **Writing**

- Narrative writing
- Expository writing
- Persuasive writing
- Journaling
- Daily language activities
- 6 traits of writing

**Writing Binder:** Each student will have a 3-ring writing binder that will be provided in class. The binder will be used as a tool to help foster organizational skills and to reinforce the steps involved in writing. This binder will be kept in the classroom as an aid in writing projects. The writing binder will include: sections for journaling, DOL (Daily Oral Language), notes for improving writing skills, 6 traits information, writing works in progress, and final works of writing.