

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I am happy to announce that this year is going to be the best year yet!! I would like to take this opportunity to explain the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade homework policy and Language Arts grading system.

Homework is an important and necessary part of the school day. Some assignments, like studying vocabulary and spelling are done nightly. Projects and book reports teach and require long range planning and time management, important life skills we will work on together. Daily assignments reinforce material covered in the classroom and should not be considered “busy work”. Students are expected to do their best on their homework. All homework should be neat and not copied from someone else.

Homework policy:

1. Assignments are due on the day assigned, usually the following day.
2. An assignment is considered late if is not complete and in the classroom when requested. If an assignment is late but still turned in within three days of its due date, there is a 10 point deduction on the grade of the assignment for each day it is late.
3. After **3** days have elapsed, the assignment will no longer be accepted, and the grade for that assignment will be a zero.
4. Graded missing assignments will show up on Option C, which should be checked frequently. Non-graded missing or late Spelling and Vocabulary assignments will **not** appear, but are kept track of.
5. Any student with 3 **late** or **missing** assignments during a trimester, will receive a check mark on their report card and will not be eligible for Honor Roll.
6. Absent students have 3 days to make up work. In cases of prolonged absences, special consideration will be given.

If there is a legitimate reason why your child is unable to finish his/her homework, please send a note or email on the day the assignment is due stating the reason it was not completed. The note must be signed by the parent.

Components of the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Language Arts grading systems are as follows:

Expression	Tests and Writing Assignments	40%
	Grammar Quizzes	25%
	Spelling Tests	15%
	Vocabulary Tests	15%
	Assignments	5%
Reading (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Tests	40%
	Quizzes	30%
	Book Reports	20%
	Skills	10%

Please read and discuss this homework and grading policy with your child, then both sign on the back. Return no later than Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks in advance for your support. I am sure we are going to have a stellar year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Dwyer