**6th Grade Writing Elective Syllabus**

Ms. Katie

Monday-Thursday 1:00-2:30 pm

***Introduction to Class***

In this year’s 6th grade writing elective, students will be focusing heavily on 6th grade Common Core Writing standards. Please visit the link below if you would like to view all 6th grade writing standards:

<http://www.corestandards.org/Writing/Content/6/NS/>

This class’s main goal is to deliver a better understanding of writing content in the 6th grade level in order to better prepare them for later stages in writing for middle school and high school.

***Grading Policy***

Students will as of now be receiving letter grades in all classes. In all of my classes, the most heavily graded material is in-class projects, assignments, and tests. Homework is a part of that grade, however, homework is not graded for accuracy it is graded for completion. For example, if a student turns in homework that is fully completed with maximum effort, then they will receive full points. If a student turns in homework that is partially completed with minimal effort, they will receive partial points, and if a student does not turn in their homework they will receive a 0 for the homework assignment. Having a 0 in an average for a grade can negatively impact a student’s grade. Typically, if a student has received an “A” for every assignment in the class and has one zero, that can possibly bring their grade down one full letter grade.

In this class specifically students will be graded on:

* Class Projects 35%
* Classwork 25%
* Individual Tests 20%
* Homework 20%

***Standards/Content Covered***

The following standards and content will specifically be covered in this class:

***Week 1****: April 4 – April 8:* Intro to class, overview of 6th grade writing standards

***Week 2:*** *April 11- April 15:* Narratives

***Week 3****: April 18 – April 22* Argumentative Writing

***Week 4:*** *April 25 – April 29* Informative/Explanatory Texts

***Week 5:*** *May 2 – May 6* Informative/Explanatory Texts

***Week 6:*** *May 9 – May 13* Editing Process

***Week 7:*** *May 16 – May 20* Research Writing

***Week 8:*** *May 23 – May 27* Research Writing

***Week 9:*** *May 30 – June 3* Final Writing Project

***Week 10:*** *June 6 – June 10* Last week of school! Wrap up all units, Gryphon Gala and Field Day!

***Contact Me***

Please feel free to contact me through email or phone at any time. I typically check my email during the week and receive email alerts throughout the weekend.

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