

Saint Ambrose Catholic School

Ms. Kelly Whelan—6th Grade Language Arts and Literature

Dear Parents,

Welcome to sixth grade and the start of a new school year! I am very excited to teach your son or daughter Language Arts and Literature this school year. Here is some helpful information that will help your student have a smooth and successful school year!

Curriculum

Voyages in English. Loyola Press. Textbook- \$57.00 Workbook -\$20.00 This class enables students to master grammar through direct instruction, rigorous practice, written application, and ongoing assessment as well as improving student writing through the in-depth study of unique writing genres, writing-skill lessons, and the implementation of the writing process.

Literature: Language and Literary. Prentice Hall. Textbook- \$90.00. This class enables students to master literature through direct instruction by focusing on literary elements such as drama, short stories, novels, and poetry.

Vocabulary Workshop. Sadlier-Oxford. Workbook \$15.00. This class enables students to master vocabulary in context and provide close reading of informational texts with writing prompts.

Progress: Language and Literature. Sadlier-Oxford. Workbook \$35.00. This class promotes mastery through engaging content, solid instruction, and ample practice, as well as strengthens any core program for complete coverage of the Standards.

Supplies

Students should come to class each day with their textbook, workbook, composition book, homework folder, agenda book, and two pens.

Homework

Homework should always be legible and in pen. Students should properly and consistently use their agenda book.

Late Assignments

Homework will be marked down 25% for one day late, 50% for the second day late, and 75% for the third day late. No credit after three days.

Composition Books

Class notes will be written in the composition book. These books must be kept neat and complete. They should be used as a source for homework and studying for tests and quizzes.

Text Books

Books must be covered at all times. The workbooks should be covered with clear contact paper. Organizational Demerits will be issued for uncovered books!

Folders

The plastic homework folder is the student's homework folder for all classes. Homework to be completed should be on one side. On the other side will be homework ready to be turned in to the teacher. Students should have an additional expanding/accordion folder or binder with a section labeled for language arts. This will hold graded homework, study guides, handouts, etc. This folder should be cleaned out at least quarterly.

Plagiarism/Cheating

Cheating and/or plagiarism (including from the internet) is considered to be a serious matter. If a student is caught cheating, the child will receive a zero on that assignment or test and a one day out of school suspension. A parent/teacher conference will be held to discuss the cheating and consequences.

Extra-Credit: For every vocabulary quiz, students may complete an online practice quiz for extra credit (due by the day of the quiz).

<http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/vocabulary/vocabularyworkshop.cfm>

Absences Students will have one day to complete assignments for each day they miss. It is the responsibility of the student to properly make up work.

Engrade:

Engrade is an online grade book that is utilized by the Junior High Teachers. Parents can sign up for this FREE service by going to www.engage.com and following the sign up process for parents. If you already have an engage account you just need to change the teacher access codes for this year. Students should also have their own engage account separate from their parent. This should be a STUDENT account so that they can take online quizzes or tests through the system.

My teacher's login ID is: mswhelansas

mswhelansas-student access code

ADW Grading Scale:	A	93-100%
	B	85-92%
	C	77-84%
	D	70-76%
	F	below 70%

Grade Formula:	Points Scale
	Tests (100 points each)
	Quizzes (20 – 50 points each)
	Homework/Classwork (2 - 5 points each)
	Projects/Reports (50-100 points each)