

MRS. BURGE'S CLASSROOM GUIDE

6th Grade Language Arts

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Dear Grizzly Families,

Communication between students, teachers, and parents is key! There are many opportunities listed below to help stay connected and I hope you will take advantage of all of them.

Remind.com

Sign up for text messages and e-mails. Remind is a one-way text messaging and email system. With Remind, all personal information remains completely confidential. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you ever see theirs. To receive messages via text, text @4bcfc to (540) 907-4496. Or, to receive messages via email, send an email to 4bcfc@mail.remind.com.



Class Website



You may use the class website to read class updates, find helpful tools, including downloadable documents, and check out student work. I encourage you to visit often for updates at: <http://mrsburgessclass.weebly.com>.

Infinite Campus

You may use IC to view grades, so check with SCMS or the Board of Education to receive your log-in information. Also, please make sure all information is correct in case I need to contact home.

E-mail

If there are ever any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me through e-mail at: beth.burge@spencer.kyschools.us.

School Agenda

Weekly assignments are filled out at the beginning of the week in my class. This is a great way to stay up keep track with what's going on in class daily.



I look forwards to working with you and your child over the school year!
Mrs. Burge

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I bring to class?

Agenda, language arts binder, library book(s), paper, & writing utensil.

How do I enter the classroom?

You are expected to enter my classroom the same way you would enter my home if I invited you to dinner- on time & quietly. If students or an adult is still in the room patiently wait outside until clear.

How do I prepare for class?

Complete the following before class begins:

Sharpen pencils.

Complete the Flashback & instructions on the board.

Get out class materials & assignments.

Daily Expectations

Student Job

Your full time job is to be a sixth grade student. In order to do your job well you need to be prepared, work hard, and maintain a good attitude. It's up to you to take ownership of your academics and help make this a productive year.

Classroom Do's

1. Make it a great day!
2. Always try your best.
3. Leave the drama with the llama.
4. Be on-task & prepared for learning.
5. Be respectful of classmates & school staff.



Language Arts Binder




Stay organized by creating the following tab dividers:

1. Goals
2. Notes
3. Journal
4. Writing Pieces
5. Extra Paper

Stay organized and be prepared for binder and folder checks!

How do I raise my hand?

We use hand signals to communicate in our classroom. Use the following signals:

-  Index Finger= Answer or Response
 2 Fingers= Question or Comment
 3 Fingers= Need to Leave the Classroom

How do I leave the classroom?

The teacher, not the bell, dismisses the class. At that time fix desk creep & pick up trash.

How can I be successful in class?

See back for more details.

A STUDENT HOW-TO:

How to be Successful in Language Arts

Grading System

Your language arts grade is made up of the following:



Assessments 60% (Ex: Unit Tests, Vocab Quizzes, Accelerated Reader Goals, & Writing Pieces)
Homework 25%
Class Work & Participation 15%

Do not expect extra credit. Do not expect to redo assignments for a new grade. Expect to do your best and earn the grade you deserve.

Reading Goals & Accelerated Reader

Throughout the year you will take reading tests to determine your reading level. Your AR point goal is based on your reading level and reading 30 minutes each day for 9 weeks, so goals will differ amongst students.

It is very important to keep up with up your reading throughout the year! Accelerated Reader makes up 2 assessment grades per quarter: 1) Quiz Average and 2) Percent of Point Goal Met. Your goal is at least an 85% quiz average and 100% of your point goal met.

To check your progress log into Renaissance Learning just as if you were taking an AR quiz and view your reports. (Parents/guardians may also check progress using their child's log-in info.)

Late Work Policy

Assignments are used to help you reach your reading and writing goals. It is crucial to your academic development (and grade!) that you take time to complete and turn in your work. If work is turned in late, you will automatically lose half of the total points, so that the highest percentage earned is a 50% on the assignment. You have until the end of the unit to turn in any late work assigned during the unit.

Make Up Work

When absent, check the class agenda & your peers for missed class work. It's up to you to find out what you've missed!



If questions or concerns arise, please don't hesitate to contact me. I want to support all my students and help provide tools that allow them to be successful. I can be reached best the following ways:

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