

Syllabus for Mrs. Keogh and Miss. Kirkham
English
Grade Six
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Course Description

This course focuses on students' ability to correctly identify the eight parts of speech, along with various other aspects of English grammar and mechanics, in conjunction with developing their written language skills. Students also focus on learning new vocabulary and honing their spelling skills.

Requirements: Elements of Language, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Inc., Developmental Language Skills, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Inc., 1 English notebook, black/blue ink pens, pencils, art supplies, and an eraser are required. All of these items must be brought to class every day unless otherwise directed.

Benchmarks and Goals

- Students will learn the eight parts of speech.
- Students will build upon their understanding of the eight parts of speech and be able to identify simple, compound, and compound-complex sentences, fragments, phrases, clauses, subjects and predicates.
- Students will be able to write the following types of organized and cohesive paragraphs: narrative, persuasive, descriptive, and expository.
- Students will develop their own unique and creative writing style.
- Students will use proper punctuation and capitalization in their own works.
- Students will be able to identify structural features of popular media including advertisements, newspapers and Internet articles.
- Students will be able to read professional nonfiction works and connect and clarify main ideas by identifying their relationships to other sources and related topics.
- Students will use different organizational patterns such as comparison and contrast; organization by categories; and spatial order to demonstrate their ability to critically analyze a topic.
- Students will learn how to revise their own writing and assist other students through peer editing.
- Students will gain a list of new vocabulary and apply their new vocabulary to their own writing.
- Students will focus on spelling throughout the year.

- Students will deliver persuasive speeches to the class and learn the fundamentals of being a public speaker.
- Students will use a variety of computer technology including Word and the Internet to gain a better understanding of English language, grammar, mechanics, and documents.