**WELCOME TO 6TH GRADE**

**ADVANCED READING**

I am looking very forward to having your child this year and getting to know him/her in class. Please feel free to contact me anytime you have a question or concern. E-mail is a great tool for communication. I will check it often and try to respond quickly.

 Blessings,

 Mrs. Parrish

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**MATERIALS NEEDED**

* NOTEBOOK PAPER
* PENS (BLUE OR BLACK, AND RED)
* PENCILS
* 1 3-RING BINDER
* 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK
* STUDENT PLANNER (PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL)
* 1 BINDER (PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL)

**ASSIGNMENTS AND LATE WORK**

Your child should not have a lot of homework in this class. In most cases students should be able to finish their work in class if they stay on task. They will have some class time to read. If work is not finished in class, students may take it home and turn it in the next day. Late work will receive a 30 point deduction. Failure to turn in an assignment will result in a 0.

~I encourage you to check your child's planner each day for daily assignments~

**STAAR TESTING**

Students will be taking the 6th grade reading STAAR test this year. The date will be May 8, 2018.

**TUTORING**

Students may come for tutoring at 7:45am Monday through Friday. I have morning duty every Thursday. Therefore, I will not be available in the classroom on that day. If they need help with something or are struggling in an area I am always available to schedule another time for your child.

**GRADES**  Daily Work ~ 60% Test ~ 40% Accelerated Reader will be counted as test grades. There will be 3 grades taken for AR. One grade will be at 3 weeks (progress report week) and two at the end of the 6 weeks. Students are required to have 7 points minimum at progress report week, which is at the end of the 3rd week of the six weeks (progress report week). This will keep them on track with their reading. If they are unable to attain the 5 points by the end of progress report week, they will be required to attend lunch reading tutorials in order to attain their points.

Some projects will count twice...students will be told when a project will count twice.

**CLASS TEXT BOOKS** We will use a classroom set of books. If a child is absent or isn’t able to finish in class, I will check out a book for them to take home.

**10 x 10 NON-FICTION CHART**

This is a requirement for the Advanced Reading Class. Your child will read 10 non-fiction books in different categories. These books do count as AR test & points. This will be a test grade the last six weeks. I will monitor this assignment throughout the school year so that they will not leave ALL 10 books until the last part of the year.

**LIBRARY AND ACCELERATED READER**

* We are scheduled to go to the library every Friday.
* Students are required to bring an AR book to class every day. I will also keep AR books in the classroom for students to read in class. **They will also have opportunities to take tests on the computers in the classroom.**
* Students will receive three grades each 6 weeks for an AR reading grade. One will be taken at progress report week (3rd week) as mentioned above. The other two grades are based on how many points they earn and the average of the tests taken during the 6 weeks. (see list below for grade conversion & points)
* To receive a 100, they must have 15 AR points by the date listed for that particular six weeks. We will work on this in class, but they will also need to read at home.
* Tests must be taken on books they are reading this school year or on books they have read during the summer. Our system will not allow students to take tests on books they have read previously.

**AR POINT CONVERSION**

**Points/Grade**

0-.9 points/0-6 4-4.9 points/26-32 8-8.9 points/53-59 12-12.9 points/80-86

1-1.9 points/6-12 5-5.9 points/33-39 9-9.9 points/60-66 13-13.9 points/86-92

2-2.9 points/13-19 6-6.9 points/40-46 10-10.9 points/66-72 14-14.9 points/93-99

3-3.9 points/20-26 7-7.9 points/46-53 11-11.9 points/73-79 15 points/100

**AR TESTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY FOLLOWING DUE DATES**

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| **1st Semester** | **2nd Semester** |
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| **Friday, September 29, 2017** | **Friday, February 9, 2018** |
| **Friday, November 3, 2017** | **Friday April 6, 2018** |
| **Friday, December 15, 2017** | **Friday, May 18, 2018** |