

Montford Middle School Open House September 2021-2022

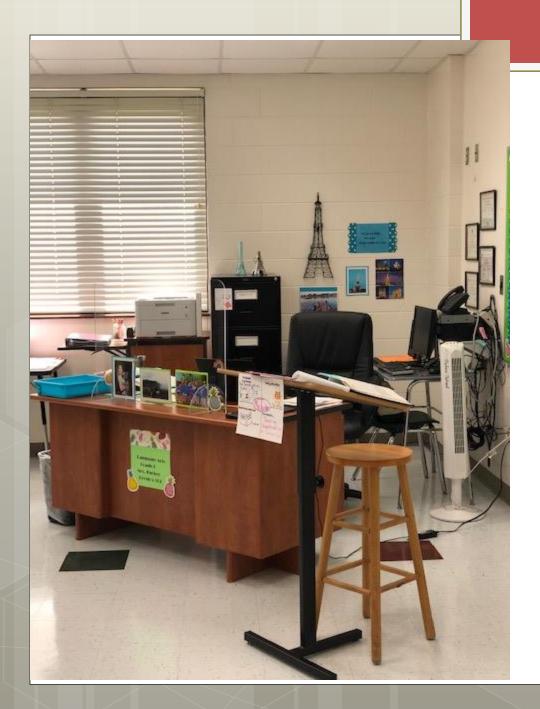
Sixth Grade Advanced Language Arts

Welcome to Open House

Dear Parents,

I am sorry we are not meeting in person, however that will not stop us from having a great school year!

We are doing our best to keep our students progressing, learning, making new friends, and Inspired to be a MONTFORD MUSTAND!



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Room 5-102 Language Arts





Language Arts Notebook

Students – Be Sure to Bring to Class each day: Planner Chrome Book (and charger) Paper, pencil, pen Language Arts Notebook with 5 dividers Homework The Language Arts Syllabus should be placed

The Language Arts Syllabus should be placed in front of the dividers inside the notebook. The dividers should be labeled: **Bell Work M.U.G.S.**, **Literature**, **Vocabulary**, **Writing**, **and Speech**.

Composition Book

- Students will use the **notebook paper** to practice writing fluently and legibly in paragraph form about assigned topics, usually relating to literature selections.
- For example, the second week of school, students practiced writing in cursive writing, and wrote a paragraph reflecting on a famous quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, "Do one thing every day that scares you."

Planners/Agenda Book

Planners are very important for students, parents and teachers. Planner information is written on the front board daily. Students write down the daily assignments and homework assignments.

Students should write important **due dates** on the **monthly calendars** located at the front of the planner (for example due dates on projects, book reports, unit tests, and writing assessments).

<u>Grades</u>

• The grading policy is **70% for assessments** which include tests, quizzes, writing assessments, book reports, and projects.

• Classwork and homework are 30% of the class grade.

Citizenship Grades

- A student who earns a **4 (Outstanding)** as a citizenship grade <u>consistently</u> exhibits all or most of the following behaviors in and out of class:
- Sets an example for peers by coming to class prepared to work with a good attitude and necessary materials
- Uses agenda book effectively for daily and longterm planning
- Works to foster a sense of community by respecting all viewpoints
- Volunteers to assist teachers and classmates

Citizenship

- A student who earns a **3 (Satisfactory)** as a citizenship grade exhibits all or most of the following behaviors in and out of class:
- Demonstrates responsibility by coming to class prepared with class materials
- Uses agenda book effectively for daily planning
- Maintains a good attitude and helps classmates when asked by the teacher
- Respects and cooperates with others during small-group activities.

Citizenship

- A student who earns a 2 (Needs Improvement) as a citizenship grade exhibits all or most of the following behaviors in and out of class:
- Comes to class unprepared on occasion
- Does not use agenda book on a daily basis
- Shows little motivation completing assignments
- Shows disrespect to teacher and classmates at times throughout the grading period
- Disrupts class occasionally and interrupts the learning of others

Citizenship

- A student who earns a **1 (Unsatisfactory)** as a citizenship grade exhibits all or most of the following behaviors in and out of class:
- Comes to class unprepared frequently
- Does not use agenda book on a daily basis
- Shows disrespect to teacher and classmates
- Demonstrates dishonesty by submitting plagiarized assignments
- Disrupts class regularly and interrupts the learning of others

Information for Parents and Students:

Teacher sites are accessible through the Montford website. My <u>Canvas</u> teacher site has the daily Agenda with assignments, announcements, important due dates, and student worksheets.

Focus has student grades posted on their assignments.

How parents can help their sixth grade student to succeed:

- 1. Check their **planne**r on a daily basis.
- 2. Check the Montford website and Focus Grade Book.
- 3. Provide a location and time for homework and studying.
- 4. Keep in touch with teachers (e-mail, phone, conferences).
- 5. Volunteer to help with school events/activities.

Click on Class Link for access to Focus Gradebook and educational links.



Click on Gradebook for grades.



Florida Collections

Textbook and Close Reader workbook (on-line textbook no longer available)

FIRST NINE WEEKS

- Reading Comprehension Skills in complex texts, literary selections, novels, and excerpts
- Introduction to Genres of Literature/ Elements of Literature
- Literary Analysis of Fiction and Non-Fiction Selections
- Independent Reading Goal of reading at least 2 novels over the course of each semester
- Creative and Descriptive Writing
- The Writing Process: Plan, Compose, Revise, Publish (review skills)
- Explanatory and Argumentative Essay Writing, using text cites for support.
- Common Core State Standards Text Dependent Writing Exercises
- Language Skills (mechanics, usage, and grammar, sentence structure)
- Spelling and Vocabulary Development

SECOND NINE WEEKS

- 4H-Tropicana Public Speaking Unit
- Spelling Bee
- Reading Comprehension Skills in complex texts, literary selections, novels, and excerpts
- Genres of Literature/ Elements of Literature
- Literary Analysis of Fiction and Non-Fiction Selections
- Independent Reading 2-4 novels over the course of each semester
- Creative and Descriptive Writing
- The Writing Process
- Common Core State Standards Text Dependent Writing Exercises
- Argumentative Essay Writing using cite texts.
- Language Skills (mechanics, usage, and grammar)
- Spelling and Vocabulary Development
- Semester Unit Test