

Mr. Mortl 6th grade Writing and Grammar
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Welcome to 6th grade writing and grammar. Please use my webpage to check for class work. Most of the student's handouts will also be posted here. Please understand that checking my emails usually happens only a few times a day as I am teaching. I will do my best to respond to emails during school hours only.

Curriculum: This year the students will be doing some form of writing on a daily basis. We will be working on visions of what good writing looks like and how to produce it. Our vision will be supported by the 6 traits of writing: ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions. These traits will help us produce effective writing formats (narratives, persuasive essays, comparative essays, and descriptive essays). Students will see the difference between writing that is aching to be read aloud and writing that is ignored. Through our writing, students will discover the importance of writing conventions and the rules of grammar that guide the reader through the text and make ideas readable. Our grammar skills will be integrated with our writing.

Materials: Each day the students will need to bring these items to class: writing utensil, red pen, laptop, notebook or loose-leaf paper, textbook, folder, and any assignments due or that we are working on for the day.

Academic Work

- Students are expected to do their work to the best of their ability. They will be using the appropriate MLA headings for most of their assignments (check webpage).
- Students are expected to turn in their work on time. Homework is due at the beginning of class or it will be considered late. **If a student's work is late, it will automatically be deducted to 80% (C). Then the work will be graded at that starting point.**
- All work is posted in my classroom, and will be updated on my webpage.
- If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to find out what was missed in class. They will find this is one of the most important steps to having a successful year in the middle school.
- Extra credit is only given out sparingly throughout the quarter, not at a student's request. Take advantage of these opportunities.

Grades are give out on total points. The percentages are approximate.

- 35% Written work and essays
- 35% Grammar work
- 20% Quizzes
- 10% Class participation