**Welcome to 6th grade! Here are some specific things about our Language Arts class you need to know to get started!**

**Manners Matter**

* Raise your hand before speaking so that no one gets interrupted.
* Refrain from requesting a bathroom pass during a lesson.
* Silent reading time is the first ten minutes of class; please be quiet. It is hard to read while people are talking.
* Please remain in your seat when either the teacher or a classmate is talking.
* The pencil sharpener and trash may be visited at the beginning and the end of class. If you think you’ll need to sharpen your pencil at other times, please have a handheld sharpener or more than one pencil.
* Do not hit, even playfully, or physically touch other classmates. Everyone needs his or her own personal spaces and boundaries.
* Markers, books, crayons, staplers, scissors, tape, etc. are purchased for you to use, but they are *mine*. Abuse of these materials will cause their permanent removal.

**At Lockerman Middle School, we show Wildcat PRIDE**

**P**repared-getting ready in advance

**R**espectful-treating others the way you want to be treated

**I**ndependent-thinking or acting for oneself

**D**isciplined-being in control and doing what is honorable

**E**mpathetic-relating to what another person is going through

**Consequences for not displaying P.R.I.D.E.**

* **First Offense:** Teacher silently subtracts a point on the clipboard.
* **Second Offense**: Recognition of offense and subtraction of a point.
* **Third Offense**: Bounce Action Analysis Area where students will reflect on behavior and answer questions.
* **Fourth Offense:** Detention and phone call home.

*Severe disruptions will result in office referral after the first offense.*

**Groups/Rewards for Good Behavior**

* Each member of the class will be placed in a group of 3 to 4 people.
* Group members can earn points for their group by completing assignments properly, participating in class, and displaying P.R.I.D.E.
* Group points will be tracked on the bulletin board, where students can see them.
* At various times, teams will be rewarded for their points. Rewards may include:
  + Lunch with the teacher
  + Snack in class
  + Extra computer time
  + Sit at teacher’s desk for the day
  + Sit at a different seat for the day
  + Game during silent reading
  + Listen to music

**Classroom Instructional Procedures**

* Groups will each have two bins kept in the classroom.
  + Cloth bins: Standards folder, extra materials, silent reading book
  + Plastic crates: All materials for other classes (things you DO NOT need for LA)
* Students will elect one person from their group to get the cloth bin out of the closet each day. That person will do that when they enter the room.
* Students will elect one person to get the material crate from the counter each day. **ALL** student belongings not pertaining to LA will go into the crate and remain there for the rest of class.
* Students will enter the room **silently**, take out their reading book, and read for 10 minutes.
* Fridays: We will have a weekly quiz based on the standards and word study covered for the week. After the quiz, students will have time to work on individual goals, writing assignments, have computer time, read, etc.
* If time permits, we will share writings with the class or have a read aloud.

**Leaving the Room During Class**

* When students leave the room they will need to sign out and back in on the clipboard near the door.
* **Restroom**: 5 passes per term. I will need to date and initial the restroom pass. They will take the **bathroom** pass with them.
* **Nurse:** They will need to have a nurse pass.
* **Locker:** In emergencies, they will take the locker pass.
* **Other Errands:** Take the hall pass.

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