

## **6th Grade English Language Arts: Team Pelican**

**Course Syllabus: 2009/2010 School Year**

**Brewster Middle School**

Welcome to Middle School Language Arts! This syllabus will summarize the expectations of our classroom and should stay in the students binder and be used as a reference throughout the year. Please sign and return the last page. It will be counted as your first homework assignment and is due by Friday, August 28, 2009.

### **Required Classroom Materials**

All of the following materials should be brought to class each day in order for the student to be prepared to learn:

- Writing utensils: pencils and blue or black pen
- Loose leaf notebook paper (replenish as needed)
- 3-inch Binder- organized with Brewster Student Planner (Signed and Reviewed by Parents Daily)
- A library book to read

### **Attendance**

Good attendance is necessary for a quality education and has been linked to school success.

### **English Language Arts: Curriculum Standards**

The Curriculum Standards will be met through projects and assignments done both in class and out of class. Hands on authentic learning through projects are a valuable way for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to be successful in learning while having choices and being creative.

#### **Reading:**

- Reads books from a variety of genres (800L–1050L)
- Reads and comprehends informational text
- Demonstrates familiarity with a variety of public documents
- Uses a variety of strategies to sustain reading
- Uses a variety of comprehension strategies to extend meaning
- Demonstrates oral fluency with expression
- Makes connections to text, self and world

#### **Writing:**

- Produces a report
- Writes a narrative account
- Produces a persuasive essay
- Writes for different audiences and purposes
- +Writes a response to literature
- +Writes a narrative procedure
- +Demonstrates use of process writing

#### **Speaking, Listening, and Viewing:**

- Participates in one-to-one conference
- Participates in group meetings
- Prepares and delivers an individual presentation
- Makes informed judgments

#### **Conventions, Grammar, and Usage of the English Language:**

- Demonstrates control of the conventions of grammar
- Analyzes and revises written work

#### **Literature:**

- Responds to literature through a variety of formats
- Produces work in at least one literary genre