



# Snapshots of

## Mrs. Drudy's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts

"We exist so children can excel."



### What We're Learning



Whew! That first full week of school was exhausting! I am Mrs. Tamara Drudy and I'm pleased to introduce myself to you as your child's language arts teacher. We are off to a fantastic start this year and I'm certainly enjoying your child.

Last week, we read an *Old Yeller* excerpt and focused on the story setting. We are learning strategies for citing evidence from the text to support what we believe or understand about what we read.

We learned about the four primary sentence types: declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory. Ask your child to give you an example sentence for each.

This past week's spelling pattern was -ed and -ing ending words. I think the students have already figured out that it's going to take some nightly effort at home, focusing on the weekly spelling lists (and the featured story vocabulary words), in order to be successful in our class. They do have an incentive to practice those spelling words over the weekend. Those who pass the pretest on Wednesday will not have to take the final test on Friday. Students understand that each week will have 20 spelling words that follow a particular spelling pattern. There are also "Challenge Words" that they should attempt. But will not count against them. Challenge words that are spelled correctly will result in bonus points in the gradebook.

**Students receive a study guide on Fridays for the upcoming week.**

### Important Dates

**APPLES Meeting 8/19 @  
3:15 p.m.**

**MCS Back to School  
Dance-8/21**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

\$5.00 admission fee

All students grades 5-8 are welcome to attend.

**Scholastic book orders  
due-8/28**

*Featured Character  
Trait of the Month:*  
**RESPECT**

### Notes from the Teacher:



Your child is bringing home a Packet of Scholastic Book Orders. Ordering from this program is totally optional, but it does help our school librarian, Mrs. Frondorf, acquire additional books for our school library. If you choose to purchase, you may do so online, or submit the order and money to me by Friday, **August 28**.

### August Birthdays

Harley Clark-8/4  
Beth Estridge-8/8  
Me, Mrs. Drudy-8/18  
Logan Hutson-8/20



### Weekly Homework

Read for at least 20 minutes every single night!

- Make sure you arrive each Monday having read the next story in the *Reading Street* textbook.
- Spelling bubble quiz on Tuesdays
- Spelling pretest on Wednesdays
- Spelling cloze sentences on Thursday
- Final spelling and reading test on Fridays
- Complete any unfinished class work from each day



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