

Language Arts



Mrs. Kunz
Grade 5

Supplies: Please bring the following items to class everyday. It is very important to be prepared!

- Pencil case: Pencils, erasers, red pen, & highlighter
- Textbook
- Planner
- Notebook for grammar notes
- Composition notebook for writing journal



Classroom Rules:

1. Cooperate with your teacher and classmates.
2. Respect the rights & property of others.
3. Carry out your student responsibilities.



Rewards:

Each student will receive a punch card. Once a punch card is full, the student can pick a reward from the prize jar.

Discipline Plan:

1. Verbal warning
2. Loss of lunch recess and/or PE class
3. When a student has lost four lunch recesses or PE classes due to minor behavior problems, the student will receive one detention. The parents and principal will be notified.
4. Students will receive one detention for a severe behavior infraction.

*See the Middle School Handbook for more details regarding the Discipline Plan.

Grammar Units: Students will take notes in class and complete practice problems. Each day a new topic will be discussed. Homework problems will be given to review the concept discussed in class. Worksheets and quizzes will be given in class to ensure comprehension of the topics. A unit test will be given at the end of each chapter.

Topics to be Covered:

- Sentences
- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Pronouns

Homework: Students will receive participation points for completing homework assignments. Three points will be given for completing the entire assignment, two points for partial, and one point for less than half. Additional homework assignments may be sent home that may not be counted as participation.

Writing: Students will write papers throughout the year as well as various mini writing assignments. All students will follow a writing process that is guided by the teacher. The process will contain many drafts and revisions. Deadlines will be set by the teacher and will vary based on each student's progress.

Papers:

- Persuasive
- Informative
- Narrative
- Argument



Writing Journal:

Students will write entries in their journal throughout the year. The journal may be collected at different times to make sure the student is keeping up with their entries. This journal is not considered formal writing- it will be used as practice for the students and graded accordingly.

Extra Credit

Students will be offered extra credit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will have an opportunity to complete a column of problems. Each problem is worth half a point. If a student doesn't put their name on the paper, no points will be given. Points will be added to the English-Language Arts grade at midterm and at the end of the quarter.

Weighted Grades:

Tests 40%

Quizzes & In Class Assignments 30%

Homework 25%

Participation 5%

It is the student's responsibility to ask questions and seek out extra help before/after school or during academic prep. I am here to help each student learn and work up to their potential!

Hello!

My name is Colleen Kunz. This is my fourth year working at Bartelso Elementary, and my thirteenth year teaching. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. In 2010, I attended McKendree University to receive my middle school endorsement., I have experience teaching first, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade.

I got married in 2016 to my husband, Keith. We immediately adopted a dog, Louie. In May 2017, we had our first child, Kane William. In June 2019, we had our little girl, Callie Marie. Our children have brought us so much joy, and we love watching them learn and grow each day. In my free time, I enjoy boating, shopping, and spending time with family and friends.

I am looking forward to teaching your children. I thoroughly enjoy teaching in Bartelso; it is a wonderful community of people. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. It is important that we work together to help your child grow their love for learning.

These are a few of my favorite things...

Food: Pizza, Cookies, & Salads

Restaurants: Qdoba, Dewey's Pizza,, & Starbucks

Drink: Diet Coke & Coffee

Color: Yellow

Shops: Target, Gap, & Loft

Vacation: Boating on Bull Shoals Lake or the Ozarks

Music: Classic Rock

Book: The Outsiders

