

English-Language Arts

Grade 5

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

- Pencil case: Pencils, erasers, glue stick, red pen, & highlighters
- Textbook & grammar notebook
- Planner & Ten Pocket Folder
- Writing Notebook



Discipline: Students are expected to follow the rules from the Middle School Handbook. The teacher will enforce the consequences. Behavior marks and late grades will be tracked by the teacher. Four behavior marks and/or five late grades will result in a detention. Positive behaviors will be rewarded with punches on each student's punch card. When a student fills his/her punch card, he/she can pull from the prize jar.

*****ELA will rotate between writing units and grammar units.*****

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
- Adverbs, Prepositions, & Interjections



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. The teacher will go over the homework problems in class after checking that all students have completed the work. By not taking homework for a grade, it allows students to learn and review the concept. 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.

During writing units, fewer grades will be taken. The teacher will be tracking participation and progress. At the end of the paper's writing process, the totals will be entered into the gradebook.

Papers & Writing Units:

- Three Wishes- Paper Basics
- Narrative
- Thank You
- Research
- Opinion
- Commonly Confused Words
- Paragraph Types
- Poetry
- Commas



Extra Credit

Extra credit may be given at random points throughout the quarter. If a student is struggling with a concept or concerned about his or her grade, he or she should see the teacher to discuss their concerns. Students are responsible for their grade and reaching out to the teacher, this promotes responsibility and accountability.

IXL

IXL will be used to help students practice concepts taught in class. The teacher will give students a smart score to reach. If a student earns a 100 on the lesson, he/she will receive one extra credit point. Each IXL assignment is considered homework and will follow the scoring below. The points will be entered in the gradebook at the end of the unit.

IXL Scoring

100 = 4 (+1 extra credit)
85 = 3
84-65 = 2
64-44 = 1
44-0 = 0

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 seventh year working at Bartelso Elementary, and my sixteenth 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 am currently enrolled in McKendree to earn a master's degree in Educational Administration.

My husband and I are blessed with three children: Kane (6), Callie (4), Connor (7 months). 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, Marshall's, & Loft

Vacation: Boating on Bull Shoals Lake or the Ozarks

Music: Classic Rock

Book: *The Outsiders*



