

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.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit assignments will be given out throughout each quarter. It is in each student's best interest to take advantage of every extra credit opportunity!

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!

Language Arts



Grammar: 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:

- Subjects, Predicates, & Sentences
- Nouns
- Verbs
- Pronouns
- Adjectives & Adverbs
- Clauses & Complex Sentences
- Prepositions

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.

After checking the homework in class, students will complete a homework check. The homework check will be completed without the book and will contain ten problems from the previous night's homework. This will be taken as an in class grade.

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:

- Argument
- Informative
- Narrative



Analogy Journal:

After a mini lesson covering analogies, students will complete analogies in their journals on Wednesdays and Fridays. The analogies will be posted on the smartboard for the students to reference. Answers will be written in their journal; the format will be discussed in class. If a student is absent, a print off of the analogies will be sent home. If for some reason the copy is not sent home, it is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher for the copy. Analogy journals will be collected at least once a quarter and taken as an in class/quiz grade. The journals will be graded on a curve. Two-three days notice will be given for collection of journals so students will have time to make sure they are in order.

Extra Credit

Students will be offered extra credit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will have an opportunity to complete a half sheet containing four problems. Each problem is worth half a point. If a student doesn't put their name on the paper, it

will be thrown away and no points will be given. Points will be added to the English–Language Arts grade at midterm and at the end of the quarter.

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



Literature

Topics to Be Covered:

- Literary Elements
- Nonfiction
- Scope Magazine
- Poetry
- Vocabulary
- Figurative Language & Imagery
- Seasonal



Novel Units:

- Tuck Everlasting
- A Christmas Carol
- The Outsiders
- Across Five Aprils

Monthly Reading:

Students will be required to read one book a month from a particular genre. A reading log will be completed to show that students have completed the required reading. More information about the required reading will be sent home at a later date.

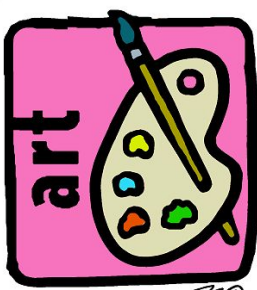
Health & PE

Health & PE will be combined this year. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be PE class, while Tuesday and Thursday will be health class.

Students will receive a grade for PE class. Each day will be worth five points: two points for participation, 2 points for attitude, and 1 point for following directions. Due to Covid restrictions, PE activities will differ from years past, but students will still learn how to be active in a safe way.

Topics to be Covered in Health:

- Conflict Resolution
- Self Esteem
- Empathy
- Stress, Depression, & Suicide
- Alcohol & Drug Use



Students will complete weekly art projects. At times, students may need to bring in an item from home; plenty of notice will be given if this is necessary.