**Sixth Grade English Language Arts**

**Ms. Smith 2016-2017**

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Central Magnet School! My name is Ms. Smith, and I will be your English Language Arts teacher this school year. For us to be successful, there are certain procedures we must respect and follow. In the next couple of weeks, we will work as a team to become acquainted and comfortable with these procedures so that we can be most productive during our time together.

**Classroom Expectations:**

The following classroom rules have been established, and students are expected to follow them.

1. Be prepared and on time
2. Always raise your hand to speak
3. No walking while I’m talking!
4. Be respectful to your classmates
5. Keep your teacher happy!

Students will also have the opportunity to earn rewards throughout the year through hard work and displaying good choices. Be on the lookout for positive notes home!

**Rewards:**

1. Tiger Tickets!
2. A positive phone call or letter to take home to parents.
3. Marble parties!

**Absent Procedure:**

If you are absent, check my webpage for assignments. Missed and extra work can also be found in the back of my classroom in the blue chart labeled “Missing work?” When you return to class, please come see me during your 5th period study hall. Students will have 5 school days to turn in makeup work. If the work is not turned in after five days, late points will be deducted. **It is the student’s responsibility to turn in missing work.**

**Late Work:**

Students should turn in all assignments and homework on time. Each day late is 20% off. Students will be given time during their 5th period study hall to work on any and all late work.

**Materials:**

Students will need to be prepared for class EVERY day! They must have: No. 2 pencils, a composition notebook, and a two pocket folder. (The composition notebooks will not the leave classroom after the first day of school! If they need to bring home any writing, they will do so in their two pocket folder, and that must be returned the following day.)

**Paper Headings:**

ALL papers turned in must be headed in following **format:**

***Example:***

*John Brookes*

*08/07/15*

*5th Period- ELA*

*Always My Best*

Student’s Name

Date

Period/class

Pledge

**Quarter 1: Quarter 3**

* Argumentative Writing
* Pronouns
* Punctuation
* Word Relationships
* Narrative Essays
* Text Structure
* Correct Sentence Types, Comparative/Superlative Adjectives
* Parts of Speech
* Punctuation and Run-On Sentences
* Parts of Sentences, Plot Stages, Sequences
* Point of View, Characterization, Dialect
* Voice, Context Clues, Compound Words
* Making Inferences, Theme, Compare/Contrast
* Punctuate Dialogue and Commas

**Quarter 2: Quarter 4**

* Informational/Explanatory Writing **Quarter 4:**
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* Consistency and Tone
* Conventions
* Career Project
* Grammar Review
* Research based learning
* Pronouns
* Varying Sentence Patterns
* Figurative Language
* Appositives
* Compound Sentences, Suffixes, Multiple Meaning Words

**(Subject to Change)**

**Total Points and Grade Scale:**

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| **Grading:**  Assessments  Class work  HW/Participation  Projects  Published Writing  **(ALL ON A TOTAL POINTS SYSTEM)** | **Grading Scale:**  100 – 93 A  92 – 85 B  84 – 77 C  76 – 70 D  Below 70 F (failing) |

Please sign below to indicate you have read and reviewed these class policies with your child. Please return this page to Ms. Smith and **retain the top portion**. Thank you.

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**