

WELCOME!

Welcome to Ms. Coyne's
6th grade Language Arts
Class!

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Dear 6th Graders,

Welcome to middle school! I am excited to welcome you to the PUMA team with me this year. I am looking forward to exploring the amazing world of literature with you as you transition and grow in to middle school students

This year we will be focusing on many different pieces of literacy. We will be reading writing, speaking, listening, and viewing in order to learn about how we function in the world of language. This year, you will read novels, non-fiction, short stories, and poems. You'll write essays, letters, poetry and more. You'll work on improving your grammar, and you will add many new words to your vocabulary. You will work collaboratively with your classmates to create, grow, and inquire. I cannot wait to start the year off with you! Remember to always stay positive and never be afraid to ask questions.

Let's make it a great year!

Ms. Coyne



Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Welcome and congratulations to both you and your middle school student. I am looking forward to working with both of you this year. Below are some great ways to stay on top of information, dates, grades, and contact info this year.

Your child will be on the PUMA team this year. We have a class weebly page where you will be able to access all of your child's core subject's homework pumaspms.weebly.com. I also have an ELA class page, which I will be showing your student how to use during the first week. You will be able to access your student's grade through a new program called Home Base. Here you will have access to your student's current grade report as well as links to assignments. More information on all of this will be offered during Meet the Teacher Night on September 10th at 6:30.

One goal that we have for 6th graders at MPMS is that they begin to advocate for themselves. I encourage the students to talk to me directly when they have questions or need help. However, if the need arises, feel free to contact me with issues that affect your student. The best way to contact me is through my email at ccoyn@wcpss.net.

Ms. Coyne

ALWAYS BE PREPARED:

Each day you need to bring the following to class:
PENCIL AGENDA PAPER SSR BOOK

Important Information:

http://mscoyne6ela.weebly.com

Late Policy:

- **Late Homework**- it is due that day at the beginning of class. No credit for late homework.
- **Late Projects and Larger Writing Assignments** – 10% off each day that is late

Absences: It is the **student's responsibility** to make up any missed work. For each day you missed, you may turn in the assignment late without a penalty. It's a great idea to keep up with the Class Page if you are absent. If you know that you'll be absent ahead of time, please talk to me about the work and activities that you will miss so as to not fall behind.

Tests/ Quizzes: Quizzes will be given throughout the unit and tests are generally given at the end of each unit. There may be pop quizzes, but you will always receive advanced notice regarding tests.

Projects and Writing Assignments- There will be several projects and writing assignments given over the course of the year. Instructions and rubrics will be handed out when the project is introduced. Be sure to follow ALL directions and rubrics.

Homework: Homework is assigned regularly and is extremely important to be turning in on time and completed. As a middle school student you should begin the habit of reading for 15-20 minutes each and every day.

Retakes- All 6th grade language arts teachers will offer a retake opportunity for each language arts test. The retake score will replace the student's initial score. Students must meet these requirements in order to retake the test:

- Attend a study session prior to the retest session during work-in lunch
- The student must have the test with him or her at the study session. The teacher will check to see that the student has marked the test with notes, questions, etc.
- If the student was absent on the study session or the retake day, he or she may arrange another day to take the study session or retake.

Grading: At Mills Park, we believe in using a balanced grading system that incorporates a variety of different types of assessments. We understand and value the fact that all students learn differently and we strive to create and maintain an environment in which every student will be successful. The student's final grade for each quarter and semester will be determined by dividing the number of points the student earned on all assignments by the total points available. This will produce a percentage grade that will be assigned the appropriate letter based on the WCPSS 7 point scale (see below). Students will be told the point value of an assignment in advance.

Mills Park Grading Scale:

- A 93-100
- B 85-92
- C 77-84
- D 70-76
- F 0-69

Contact Information:

If you or your parents need to contact me, for any reason, please use the email and/or phone number below:

Email: ccoynes@wcpss.net

Please read over this letter with your parent(s) and sign below. **Signed copy due Fri. 8/30/13**

I have read and discussed the ELA welcome letter and am aware of all expectations mentioned above.

Student's Name _____ Student's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____