**Language Arts Course Outline**

Grades 5 and 6 Language Arts will be taught together. Fortunately, the Language Arts curriculums are very similar and it is very easy to adapt assessment to meet the grade level of each student.

**Areas of Study in Language Arts:** ***(find this information in greater detail on the weebly)***

* Personal Reflection skills (General Outcome #1)
  + Responding personally to different texts
  + Discussing opinions and respecting differing opinions
* Reading skills (General Outcome #2)
  + Comprehension, vocabulary in context, figurative language, fluency, and terminology.
  + Reading different texts such as plays, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction, images, and films.
* Research and Presentation skills (General Outcome #3)
  + Seeking out information on given topics
  + Interpreting and organizing information from multiple sources
  + Presenting information to an audience
* Writing skills (General Outcome #4)
  + Sentence and paragraph structure
  + Short story development
  + Newspaper articles
  + Poetry
  + Editing strategies
* Group work skills (General Outcome #5)
  + Cooperation and collaboration
  + Problem resolution
  + Decision making

Different assignments will assess these outcomes from the curriculum. All rubrics will be posted on the weebly and given to students prior to starting the assignment.

**Assessment:**

Students will be assessed in a variety of ways such as:

* Reading comprehension quizzes
* Writing assignments
* Reflections
* Class presentations and group work
* Observation during in class activities and assignments
* Text analysis
* Research projects
* One-on-one interviews with the teacher
* Projects

***There are 2 categories of assignments in Gradebook: Formative and Summative***

Formative: These assignments are not worth marks but are a significant indicator of where a child stands in understanding a particular concept. These are the assignments and activities which lead a child to being assessed summatively.

Summative: These are end of unit assignments that contribute to the student’s final grade.