### Baker Intermediate

Winchester, KY

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Back to School!

Welcome to Mrs. Campbell’s Class!

# 6th Grade Standards

# About Mrs. Campbell



We teach using the Common Core State Standards. These standards have been adopted by most states around the country. This resource, published by Council of the Great City Schools, is designed to give parents and guardians an overview on English/Language Arts in the sixth grade. Here is the link: <http://www.cgcs.org/cms/lib/DC00001581/Centricity/Domain/36/ParentGuide_ELA_6_v1r8.pdf>

Welcome to 6th grade! My name is Carrie Campbell and I am a sixth grade English/Language Arts Teacher at Baker Intermediate School. I have a Bachelor’s in Elementary Education and a Master’s degree in Special Education. This is my seventh year teaching and my second year teaching at Baker Intermediate.

In sixth grade, we dive deeper in reading and writing, finding messages layered in text, and adding greater complexity to our writing. We read every day!

When I am not busy planning and teaching, I enjoy reading, camping, hiking, and playing with my two crazy dogs and cat.

I can’t wait to meet all of you! It is going to be a great year!

In 6th grade, we have three main units of study.

* Narrative Writing
* Informational Writing
* Argument Writing

As we go through each of these units, students will be introduced to that specific genre through reading texts by a variety of authors. As students come to understand the genre, we model the authors by writing our own pieces.

We will use a variety of resources to meet the needs of students in class. The main textbook we use is called *Journeys*.

# Curriculum Resources

# Topics of Study

**STUDENTS HAVE HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT:**

**Read 20 minutes a day**, including Saturday and Sunday. If they haven’t read, they haven’t done their homework, so students should never say they “don’t have homework” in my class. Students can access books from the public library, school library, my classroom library, or books at home.

**Baker Book Club:** When students are finished reading their book of choice, they will need to write a summary about the book. They should include important events from the beginning, middle, and end. Students will need to complete 4 each nine weeks. By the end of the year, they should have 16 book summaries.

Sometimes students will need to finish an assignment that we began in class. This means the “homework” will not be assigned for each student, just those needing to finish up. They are still expected to complete the assignment at home before the next class.

If you want to stay up-to-date on homework assignments and what we are studying in class, please check my classroom website. See below.

# Homework

## Language Arts Supply List

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Students will be assessed with a variety of assessment tools including daily work, journals, quizzes, tests, projects, goal progress, and standardized tests, such as MAP.  Some, but not all of these assessments will be graded and counted towards students’ overall grade for the nine weeks.

Nine-week grades will be calculated based on overall points possible.  Grades will be weighted as follows: Classwork and Homework (40%), Quizzes and Tests (40%), and Projects (Summaries) (20%). Grades can be monitored regularly through Infinite Campus Parent Portal.  More information about Parent Portal is available through our guidance office.

If you have questions about your child’s grade on an assignment, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I want all of my students to be successful in language arts.

* Language Arts classes are setup in 85-95 minute blocks and students will see me for language arts daily.
* Language Arts classes will include a bellringer to get students started, independent reading time, a lesson given by the teacher, time for students to practice a skill and ask questions, and teacher read aloud time.

# What Happens in

# Language Arts Class?

# Grading

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Your child will need the following supplies this year:

* Pencils and erasers
* Composition Notebook (to be stored in class)
* 2 pocket folder
* Notebook filler paper
* Independent reading book

All of these supplies are on the Sixth Grade Supply List provided by the school.