**Pine View School**

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Andy Vitkus & Lisa Rader (Blue Team)

COURSE EXPECTATIONS 2019-2020

English Language Arts ~ Grade 5

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

* To develop creative thinking and problem solving skills
* To develop writing and reading skills through a variety of activities
* To extend reading comprehension and expand vocabulary
* To demonstrate effective and creative oral and written communication skills
* To develop effective persuasive techniques
* To develop listening, viewing, speaking & presentation skills
* To nurture imagination, creativity, ability to deal with stress and strengthen self-concept.

The Language Arts Florida Standards can be found on the following website: <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/search/Standard>. The students will work collaboratively and independently to fully experience each aspect of the English Language Arts program.

**TEACHING TOOLS:**

* *SpringBoard, by CollegeBoard* Grade 6
* *Ready FL ELA Student Instruction Book*
* *Vocabulary Workshop*, Sadlier- Oxford Series A
* *Persuasion: The College of William & Mary, Center for Gifted Education*
* Class Novels - Trade books highlighting cultural diversity and change

**REQUEST for DONATION**: *Donations are optional and very much appreciated*

* **$29.00** donation for consumable *Vocabulary Workshop* Level A workbook and *Ready FL ELA Student Instruction Book*

**Please make all checks payable to Pine View School – no cash will be accepted.**

\****Grade 5 greatly appreciates all parental support that enriches our gifted curriculum\****

**LANGUAGE ARTS GRADING:**

**A= 90-100% B= 80-89% C= 70-79% D= 60-69% F= 59% and below**

*\*All grades can be checked online through the Family Access Portal Grading Program used by Sarasota County.*

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| **Strand Addressed** | **Percent of LA Grade** |
| Reading: Literature and Informational Text | 40 |
| Writing: Process & Application | 40 |
| Language: Conventions of standard English, Vocabulary Acquisition and Use | 10 |
| Listening and Speaking  | 10 |
| **Total** | 100 |

Your child is responsible for heading all their work correctly as instructed in class. Any assignments missing the proper heading will result in a 5% decrease on the overall grade of the assignment. After first quarter, any missing heading will result in a 10% decrease on the overall grade of the assignment.

**TRANSITIONS:**

This school year will provide opportunities for your child to develop independence, responsibility, and thinking skills. Students are encouraged to take a more proactive role in problem solving, soliciting assistance, and meeting expectations. With many subjects at a Grade 6 level, Pine View’s Grade 5 is technically considered the first year of middle school. Mastery of a subject area is indicated by an 80% or above.

**GRADE 5 HOMEWORK POLICY:**

In our ongoing effort to improve school-home communication, encourage initiative and self-direction, and increase academic achievement, the 5th grade teachers have developed these guidelines for success:

**Expectations of Students:**

1. Record all homework and project information in the agenda book daily.
2. It is the student’s responsibility to request make-up assignments when absent and turn in to the teacher.
3. Plan to spend an average of 15 minutes per subject area per night. Students who work slowly may have to invest more time; others may need slightly less time.

**Expectations of Parents:**

1. Check your child’s agenda book DAILY for recorded assignments and projects.
2. Communicate questions and concerns to teachers.

**Late Work:**

10% will be deducted from your child’s grade for each day it is late, up to 3 days. After 3 days the work will not be accepted and your child will receive a zero for the assignment.

**Student Behavior Expectations:**

During the school year, we will engage in a variety of activities in small groups and as a class to develop and maintain a positive learning community. Students are expected to maintain a responsible and respectful demeanor in the classroom. Campus behavior, including referrals, will affect attendance to field trips. Each student’s cooperation and good behavior is essential to his/her learning as well as the learning of all the students in our class. Therefore, the following classroom rules have been established to insure each child’s success:

1. Listen and follow directions.

2. Show respect for others, school and personal property.

3. Take responsibility for your actions.

**Laptop and cell phone usage during school hours is not permitted. They should be put away and off all day.**

**Parent Expectations:**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer on campus and for school activities. PV Volunteer status (PALS) must be renewed annually. PV Volunteer status (Levels I and II) must be approved by November 1 in order to attend field trips. The most preferred method of contact between parents and teachers is through the email of the Sarasota School Board. Please be mindful of the individual teaching methods and policies of the Fifth Grade Team.

**PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION:**

One of the best ways we can ensure your child has a successful and rewarding year is to become a united team. We welcome communication from you and your participation in specific classroom activities. These activities will be described in your child’s agenda book and/or class website.

The 5th Grade welcomes parents to \*meet with us to answer questions and discuss concerns. The Grade 5 Team protocol is to meet as a whole team, (Blue Team, Gold Team or Python Team), providing an encompassing view of the child’s current academic and social standing. \*Please note: To schedule a conference, parents will be required to complete the 5th Grade Pre-Conference Survey Form at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled conference via email. Please allow at least a 24-hour turnaround for teacher response to parent contact.

I am available for phone calls between the hours of 11:15am-12:50pm. I am also available for parent conference from 8:45am – 9:05am,12:40pm-1pm and 4:00pm – 4:20pm on most days. Conferences are required to be scheduled with the Blue Team teachers and a preconference form must be completed by parents prior. Please allow at least a 24-hour turnaround time for teacher response to a parent contact.

We look forward to the best year ever!

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Blue Team

*\*\*PLEASE SIGN & RETURN ONLY THE PORTION BELOW TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER\*\**

**LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE EXPECATIONS 2019-2020**

**By signing below you are confirming**:

“I have read and understand the Course Expectations for Grade 5 Language Arts.”

“I will uphold the Pine View Academic Honor Code and I understand the consequences if I choose academic dishonesty.”

**Parent Signature Date**

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**PRINTED –Legible Parent Name**

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**Student Signature Date**

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**PRINTED –Legible Student Name**

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***Thank you & we look forward to a great year in 5th Grade with your child!***