Dear Families and students,

Welcome to 6th grade Language Arts, where we love to read and write. What is Language Arts? It's a combination of reading and English.

In Language Arts class, students will be learning reading strategies, which will help your child become a better reader. Some examples include: reading short stories, articles, essays, poems, and novels. We will also be studying and practicing the writing process through various different types of text structures, as well as completing a research project by the end of the year. Analyzing and evaluating text through response and discussion will set the standard for higher level learning. By combining the two classes, we hope to engage, challenge, and develop our students at Shoal River Middle School.

**Bring Your Own Book!**

Students are required to have a reading book during every class. They may bring one from home or check one out from the library.

 We recommend that the student be prepared with a second book if they are getting close to finishing up the one they are reading. Students will be reading when classwork is finished, upon finishing assessments, and during scheduled silent reading times in Language Arts classes.

**Materials Needed for Language Arts Class:**

1 Composition book

1” binder (or larger) – you may choose to share with another subject

Pencils (several, sharpened)

Black/blue pens

Colored pencils

Pink, yellow and green highlighter

Lined notebook paper  (college or wide ruled)

4 dividers for your binder

Please bring at least one box of tissues! Colds and runny noses happen – and there’s nothing worse than using scratchy toilet paper to blow your sensitive nose when you’re sick.

I am very excited to be with your students here at Shoal River.

Please do not hesitate to email me: megan.perkins@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us and visit my classroom website: [www.SRMSperkins.weebly.com](http://www.SRMSperkins.weebly.com)

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Maggie Perkins

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