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| http://teacherstraining.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/read-a-book.gifWelcome to 6th Grade Language Arts!I am really excited to be working with your child this year in developing their language arts skills. My goal is to instill a love of reading and writing in your child. We will work together to build upon their strengths, improve their weaknesses, and deepen their ability to think and question.I believe every child has the ability to learn and grow. My job is to help them on their journey and inspire them to always strive for more!  |
| http://hobart.schoolwires.com/cms/lib/IN01000440/Centricity/Template/2/img/logo-header/ms.pngAbout Me:“Once a Brickie… Always a Brickie!”I grew up in Hobart and attended Liberty Elementary, Hobart Middle School and Hobart High School. I graduated from Hobart High School in 2004 with High Distinction. I attended Indiana University in Bloomington where I received my Bachelors Degree in Education with Highest Distinction. I did my student teaching in 5th grade, taught for 2 years at Hayes Leonard Elementary School in Valparaiso then I decided to return to Hobart. I taught 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies last year. This year I am excited to be focusing on language arts! I live in Hobart with my husband, 2 daughters, and pug Hoosier. I love to read and play with my girls. I am also Hobart High School’s diving coach!  |
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| Mrs. RinasRm. 1605Syllabus of Skills1st Quarter Main Idea Sequence of Events Text Features Using Context Clues Author’s PurposeGrammar/ Writing SpellingS2nd Quarter Problem/ Solution Narrative Drama Story ElementsMaking Inferences Cause and Effect Fables and Morals Author’s Style Grammar / Writing SpellingCause/Effect EssayFictional Narrative[You Have Room for Another One Here!] |
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| Parent ConferencesI am happy to meet with you! Email me to confirm time.Before school: 6:45-7:25After School: 2:35- 3:00Prep time:Lunch time: |

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| **Course Description:**Expert 21 is a comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum that prepares students for the literacy demands of the 21st Century through a powerful combination of explicit instruction, inquiry-based learning, contemporary and relevant literature and informational texts, real-world writing and projects, and technology. Ever hear about that guy who cut off his own arm? We will read his story! Students will have daily opportunities to reflect, respond, react, inform, analyze and more, both in writing and through classroom discussions.Expert 21 is divided into themed workshops. We are using volume 2 and will work through workshops 5-8.

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| Workshop 5:  | Progress test 5aSRI (not for grade) |
| Workshop 6: | Progress tests 5b, 6 a, 6bX-Skills Test 5 and 6Fictional Narrative Cause and Effect EssaySRI (not for grade) |
| Workshop 7: | Progress tests 7a, 7bX-Skills Test 7Research PaperSRI (not for grade) |
| Workshop 8: | Progress tests 8a, 8bX-Skills Test 8SRI ( not for grade) |

**Classwork/ Assignments/ Projects/ Tests**Each day in class is so essential for your student! Most work will be done in class. Homework assignments will mainly consist of spelling work and reading (reading logs). Each student is expected to read independently each day. Your child will also write 4 main papers this school year, work on 2-3 projects, and be assessed in many ways to inform instruction. More information regarding assignments, projects, papers, and tests will be provided as dates get closer. **Literature Circles / Novels**In addition to the readings in Expert 21, we will explore several novels this year! ------------------------------------🡪 |  |

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| Syllabus of Skills6th3rd Quarter SummarizePoint of View Figurative Language Drawing Conclusions Grammar/ Writing Spelling Research PaperS4th Quarter Fact and Opinion Compare and ContrastElements of Poetry SymbolismTheme Cause and Effect Grammar / Writing Spelling Persuasive Essay 3rd Quarter4th Quarter |
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| **Class Novels****There’s a Girl in My Hammerlock****Wringer****Stargirl****Crash****Loser****Maniac McGee****Julie of the Wolves****Elijah****Number the Stars****Miracle Worker** |

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