

# Course Syllabus

6<sup>th</sup> English



## Course Description:

Utilizing the language arts format, grammar, composition, spelling, handwriting, and literature are integrated into one cohesive course. Introducing students to the usage and mechanics of grammar and sentence structure becomes purposeful when applied to writing assignments for literature. The spelling curriculum incorporates value lessons through Scripture. Handwriting exercises focus on specific Bible verses that become locked in memory for a lifetime. Skillfully woven throughout the study of mechanics is a diverse selection of literature exposing young reads to increasingly sophisticated books, all tailored to the imaginative and development capabilities of the sixth-grade mind.

## Major Topics of Study:

Writing effective sentences – Eliminating run-ons, fragments  
Writing effective paragraphs, essays, and research papers  
Identifying parts of speech  
Using verbs, pronouns, and modifiers correctly  
Correct usage of capital letters and punctuation  
Phonetic composition of words  
Plot, character, and theme development in literature

## Text/Required Materials:

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
*The Light Princess*  
*The Secret Garden*  
*The Princess and the Goblin*  
*The Wind in the Willows*  
*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*  
*The Prince and the Pauper*  
*Favorite Poems of Childhood*  
*Rod and Staff Grade 6 Spelling Workbook*  
*A Reason for Handwriting Level F – Student*  
*Warriner's Traditions Handbook – Introductory Course*  
Printer paper

### **Grading:**

Literature – 25%

Grammar – 25%

Writing – 20%

Spelling book – 10%

Spelling tests – 15%

Handwriting – 5%

### **Attendance/Participation:**

There is no penalty for not attending a live class. Students, however, are responsible for all material covered in class. FPA considers attendance a key to success.

Students are expected to be engaged in live classes and actively participate when present. This includes being ready to respond when called upon. Participation points will be recorded in the form of extra credit.

### **Expectations/Guidelines:**

Unless otherwise noted, students will be expected to complete assignments in cursive.

Students will use a word processing program such as Microsoft Word, Pages, or Google Docs to complete writing assignments.