

«Welcome to Speech & Language!»

“THE *beautiful* THING ABOUT *learning* IS THAT no one can take it away from *you*.”
- B.B. KING

Dear Students,

Welcome back to another school year! I am so excited to hear all about your summer. I know it's not easy coming back to school after such a long break, but my favorite part about starting a new year is that we all have a fresh start (teachers and students alike). It's a time to set new goals and put your best foot forward. Now is a good time to think about your challenges from last year and work towards improving them.

Here are some things you should know about speech & language:

→ During our time together, we will mostly focus on improving our reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. If you're struggling in any of these areas, speech & language is a good place to work on these skills.

→ Having strong reading, writing, and vocabulary skills are important in ALL your classes, so feel free to bring in work from any subject area as long as there is reading, writing, or vocabulary involved (with the exception of Math).

→ I am here to help YOU! Our time together is a privilege that many kids in our school don't have. Please make sure to take advantage of our sessions together. You shouldn't be forced to come to sessions or complete your work. Remember that taking advantage of this service can help improve your grades.

Some of you might be thinking:

“UGH, BUT WHY AM I HERE, I DON'T NEED ANY HELP!!!”

Learning is a continuous process that happens everyday. There is always room to grow and improve. Having strong reading, writing, and vocabulary skills are not only important for your academic career, but for your life in general. Here are some ways that these skills can help you in the real world:

→ When you get a job, your employer will give you A LOT of papers to sign, including a contract (a document with important information about how much you're getting paid,

your hours, etc...). Strong readers will carefully analyze their contract to make sure they are getting fair pay and not signing anything they don't agree to.

→ Strong writers will be able to express their feelings in an e-mail or a text to a friend when they are in an argument or disagreement. Being able to express your thoughts/ideas clearly can help improve and strengthen relationships.

→ When you get older, you might want to buy things like a car, apartment, or a house. Strong readers and writers know what to research in order to get a good deal. Also, you need strong reading and vocabulary skills to make sure the seller isn't tricking you.

These are only some examples of how reading, writing, and vocabulary skills will stay with you forever. In fact, you're already using these skills throughout your day without even realizing it!

I look forward to working with you.
Here's to a WONDERFUL 2016-2017 school year!!

Sincerely,
[INSERT YOUR NAME]