

# English Language Development

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### Class Overview

Welcome to 6th Grade English Language Development! This year, you will be strengthening your skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. More importantly, you will be building a foundation for success in all of your classes! Here are some of the skills on which we will focus:

- Reading: "Bloggergirl," "Theseus & the Minotaur," "A Leap of Faith"
- Writing: personal narratives, informative essays, summaries, argument essays
- Speaking & Listening: podcasts like "Oh Captain, My Captain!" and oral presentations

**What You Will Need\*:** ✎ black/blue pen ✎ pencil ✎ red pen ✎ set of 4 highlighters or colored pencils

### About Ms. Ortega

I am excited to be starting my second year here at Jane Addams Middle School! I attended the University of California, Berkeley and Loyola Marymount University. I love teaching and learning new things. I look forward to getting to know each of you as we learn and grow this year!



#### Likes:

- Reading, especially fantasy and science fiction
- Comic books & all things superhero
- Treating others with empathy and civility

#### Dislikes:

- Rudeness & name-calling
- Gum or phones in class
- Spiders!



\*If you have trouble getting any of the materials listed, please see me after class.

# Class Procedures & Expectations





## Before Class...

- Silence and put away all cell phones
- Enter the classroom and take a seat quietly
- Turn in or collect any makeup work in the appropriate tray
- Take out homework and a pen or pencil to begin the Do Now



## During Class...

- Listen *carefully* to all instructions
- Ask three, then ask me
- Follow class procedures for questions, comments, or getting out of your seat (see below)

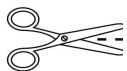
| I have a question.   | I have a comment.  | May I use the restroom?  | May I get out of my seat?  |
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## After Class...

- See me after class or come by my room during office hours to get extra support or to answer any questions about classwork & homework

## Other Important Notes:

- **Policy on late work and absences:** All late work will go down one grade point (e.g. from an "A" to a "B") for each day that it is late. All work for an excused absence must be completed within 2 school days of the absence. After that, it is considered late.
- **Office Hours:** Mon, Thurs, Fri: 7:30-8 AM / at lunch or after school by appointment



I have read and agree to follow all class procedures and expectations this year.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I know how to contact Ms. Ortega if I have questions or concerns this year. *Yo sé cómo comunicarse con Sra. Ortega si tengo preguntas o preocupaciones este año.*

Parent Signature/*Firma*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/*Fecha*: \_\_\_\_\_