



LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

# Mrs. McGuire

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Disclosure Statement  
2010-2011

#### MOTTO

*I express myself with courage.  
I express myself with the arts.  
I express myself with respect.  
I express myself with enthusiasm.  
At SAA I can care!*

#### SAA Mission Statement:

*Syracuse Arts Academy develops respectful,  
confident citizens in a solid educational  
environment enriched by artistic expression.*

## Contact Information

[tmcguire@syracuseartsacademy.org](mailto:tmcguire@syracuseartsacademy.org)

This is the best way to contact me. I check email various times throughout the day.

School Phone: (801) 779-2066

Calling during school hours, you will likely need to leave a message.  
I will return your call as soon as possible after school.

<http://www.syracuse6.net> This is our 6<sup>th</sup> grade website

## Curriculum

We will cover all areas of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Utah State Core Curriculum. <http://www.uen.org/core>  
Additionally, we integrate these core concepts through the arts. This means that music, visual art, movement, dance, drama, and technology arts are tools that we use to help make the core concepts more meaningful and memorable. We also give special emphasis to developing good citizenship skills through team building, recycling, and service projects.

## Schedule/Rotations

This year, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will rotate through classes taught by all five of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. I will still be your main contact, homeroom, and math teacher. You will always start and end your day in our classroom. We will rotate Monday through Thursday according to this schedule:

8:30-8:45	Morning Business (pledge, lunch count, announcements, etc.)
8:45-9:30	Specialties (Library, Music, Integrated Arts, PE and Computers)
9:30-10:30	Math
10:30-11:20	Rotation 1 (Social Studies - Mr. Albrecht) <a href="mailto:ralbrecht@syracuseartsacademy.org">ralbrecht@syracuseartsacademy.org</a>
11:20-12:10	Rotation 2 (Writing/Grammar/Spelling - Mr. Pratt) <a href="mailto:apratt@syracuseartsacademy.org">apratt@syracuseartsacademy.org</a>
12:15-12:55	Lunch & Recess
12:55-1:45	Rotation 3 (Science - Mrs. Dezember) <a href="mailto:cdezember@syracuseartsacademy.org">cdezember@syracuseartsacademy.org</a>
1:45-2:35	Rotation 4 (Reading/Comprehension/Vocab - Mrs. Johnson) <a href="mailto:mjohnson@syracuseartsacademy.org">mjohnson@syracuseartsacademy.org</a>
2:35-3:25	Rotation 5 (Arts and Technology - Mrs. McGuire) <a href="mailto:tmcguire@syracuseartsacademy.org">tmcguire@syracuseartsacademy.org</a>
3:25-3:30	Homeroom/End of Day Business

On Friday we meet as a homeroom; there are no rotations. School is dismissed at 1:00 on Fridays.

## Behavior Expectations

Syracuse Arts Academy has a school-wide plan to encourage positive and effective classroom interactions.

### Classroom Rules

1. Follow instructions
2. Participate and be prepared
3. Use kind and appropriate words
4. Appropriate use of hands and feet
5. Signal and be recognized to speak

### Consequences for Poor Behavior

1. Verbal warning & reteaching
2. Time out/Loss of privileges/Loss of tickets
3. Parent contact
4. Administration referral

**SERIOUS BEHAVIOR - Immediate Admin Referral**

### Our Classroom Rewards

There are both individual and group rewards, including: praise, tickets, points, prize box, privileges, marbles, service minutes, class auction, and notes/emails to parents.

## Grades

Grades are always available for viewing online at <http://www.classactiongradebook.com> You will receive a password from your homeroom teacher in the first few weeks of school. **PLEASE check your student's online grades on a weekly basis!** If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know ASAP. If you are not able to view grades online and would like a printed report, please let me know. Thanks.

Academic Subject Grade Scale:			Participation/Behavior Grade Scale:	
Grade	Percentage	Mastery Level	Grade	Participation/Behavior Level
4	90% - 100%	Substantial	E	Excellent
3	75% - 89%	Sufficient	S	Satisfactory
2	60% - 74%	Partial	N	Needs Improvement
1	Below 60%	Minimal		
NA	Not applicable during the term			

## Homework

Homework policies are set by individual teachers for individual courses. Projects often have a series of due dates for the steps involved in the process. Please be sure to ask the rotation teacher ASAP, if you are unsure of deadlines or expectations.

### Late Work Policies

- Excused Absences - You have as many days as you were absent to make up missing work.
- Homework is due the next day, unless additional time is given for the assignment.
- Late work will generally have a grade deduction of 10% per day that the assignment is late.
- Homework later than one week in Reading, Science, and Social Studies will not be accepted.

My homework assignments can be found online on our sixth grade website <http://syracuse6.net> Click on "Assignments" in the left-hand menu. Mr. Pratt (language arts) will post project assignments on his blog <http://mrprattsaa.blogspot.com>

## Home Reading

Sixth grade students are expected to read 20 minutes a day and fill out a daily reading log. If the student happens to have a busy week and needs to do the majority of the reading in fewer nights, that is fine. The minimum requirement will be 100 minutes per week. Home reading grades are recorded on each student's report card, so I encourage you to start and/or continue your reading routines early in the school year.

## Attendance

Obviously, be "in school" and "on time" whenever possible. Achievement and good work habits are tied closely to good attendance. See the SAA School Handbook for consequences of missed time at school. However, if you know that you will miss some school time, please visit the office and fill out the "Request for Assignment/Notification of Absence" sheet at least a week in advance.

## Planner

- Each student will purchase a planner from SAA and is expected to bring it and use it daily. (See order form at the end of the packet.)
- Students will be trained in the use of the planner, I will check it periodically, and rewards will be given for continued use. Planners do count towards student grades.
- This planner will be very important, as your student will be rotating between classes.
- Students are expected to write assignments in their planners, as they are assigned. A weekly assignment board is located just inside the door of our classroom. If your student is absent, you may check our website for missed assignments and write them into the planner, in order to receive your planner points.
- Parents, please help your student to be responsible by checking planners on a daily basis to confirm homework and see any notes I have written.

## Lockers

Individual lockers are provided for student use. Backpacks, coats, books and most supplies will be stored in those lockers. In order to keep lockers orderly and useful, please do not bring items that are not on the classroom supply list. Students may go to their lockers before and after school and at lunch time. They may not go to their lockers during class or between rotations

## Volunteers

SAA teachers love volunteers! There are many ways that you can help in and out of the classroom: weekly fluency readings, planning 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, filing papers, assisting with special projects like making masks or puppets, field trip chaperons, cutting or assembling items for classroom projects, making signs or posters, Culture Fair and Science Fair judging, and sharing your personal talents and skills. In the past, parents have volunteered to teach rocketry, yoga, PE games, sign language, bicycle safety, dental health, shorthand, finger math, kite making, nighttime astronomy, math games, photography, deep-clean the classroom, and a variety of other things. Let me know how you would like to help.

## Dress Code

The complete dress code is posted online and in the student handbook. A few points that are often misunderstood:

- If students choose to wear a shirt under their collared, uniform shirt, it must be white and should not hang lower than the uniform shirt at the hems.
- Sweaters and hoodies must follow the school uniform policy. I cannot allow students to wear non-approved sweaters, coats, hoodies, or sweatshirts in class.

## Electronics

Personal, portable electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom (cell phones, MP3 players, game systems, etc.) If it is necessary for a student to bring a cell phone to school, it must remain in the student's backpack (in the locker) in silent mode or off. If a portable device appears in the classroom, the following steps will be taken:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Teacher takes device and returns it to the student at the end of the day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Teacher takes device and a parent will need to pick it up.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Teacher takes device and sends it to principal's office for parent to pick up.

Students are not allowed to use electronic devices on campus before/after school. Students are encouraged to use the class phone, whenever they need to call. If it is necessary for a student to use a cell phone, they must request permission and make the call in the presence of a teacher.

## Gum

No gum at school!!!

## Food

SAA is committed to healthy food choices. I also realize that some students have food allergies. I do not provide food, candy, or gum for student rewards. Occasionally, if there is a lesson that can be enhanced with the use of food, I may request the principal's and your permission to do so.

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Supply List - McGuire

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### Personal Use: Please Label everything you bring to school with student's first and last name

- Expandable Pocket File (5-7 pockets with tabs)
- Pencil box or pouch (large enough to hold all pens, pencils, markers, scissors, etc.)
- Pencils - mechanical or regular (you will need a continuing supply)
- Eraser caps for pencils or pink eraser
- Pens (2-3, any color)
- Highlighters (2-3, any color)
- Black Sharpie Marker (fine point)
- Scissors (good craft quality, to cut felt and thin cardboard)
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Stick (1, You will need to replace it, as needed)
- Book Covers (2)
- Calculator (optional, but make it a small one - I have calculators in the classroom)
- Spiral Notebooks (3)
- Lined Paper (College Rule - 2 packs - one for personal use and one for class use)
- Small, reusable, inexpensive sports Water Bottle (Should fit well in the corner of your desk, without taking up too much room. Should be cleaned in your dishwasher at least every month. Will be filled from water cooler in the hallway. I will not provide cups. Please do not just bring a one-use water bottle; they are noisy and leak.)
- Personal thumb drive (technology class) **Must have your name on it!** This is for storing school project files ONLY. You may not bring other files or games to school.
- \$3.00 Planner Fee - Please make a check out to SAA or put cash in an envelope. Write your student's name and that it is for the Planner on your check or the envelope.

No need to bring rulers, protractors or compasses. I have a supply of those in the classroom.

After the first full week of class, students who do not come to class prepared with their supplies will need to spend their reward tickets to buy what they need for class.

### Classroom Use: These items will be collected and shared.

- Kleenex
- Disinfectant wipes
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- ½ of the lined paper



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Please return this form by Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

### Contract

I have read through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade disclosure statement. I and my 6<sup>th</sup> grade student agree to support the policies and procedures in the disclosure.

Print Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Planner Order Form

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

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach payment of \$3.00 for an SAA student planner.