

6th Grade Language Arts

I. Course Goals:

1	Students will understand that language is a gift from God and Christians should seek to honor Him in the ways we use it.
2	Students will develop proficiency in the fundamentals of English grammar and spelling.
3	Students will show greater mastery of both receptive and expressive English in oral and written form.
4	Students will confidently use basic research resources.

II. Resources:

Resource	Author/ Publisher/ ISBN	Abbreviation
Key Resources		
<i>Holt Handbook: Introductory Course Teacher's Edition</i>	Warriner, 0-03-066133-1	HH
<i>Holt Handbook: Introductory Course Student Book</i>	Warriner	HH
<i>Vocabulary for Achievement: Introductory Course Student Book</i>	Richek, McRae, Weiler, 0-669-46484-8/6	VFA
<i>Vocabulary for Achievement: Introductory Course Teacher's Edition</i>	Richek, McRae, Weiler, 0-669-46476-7/6	VFA
Progymnasmata		
Additional Resources/ Teacher Resources		
<i>Shurley Method Level 7</i>	Shurley, 1-881940-85-3	S7
<i>Shurley Method Level 8</i>	Shurley, 1-881940-53-5	S8
Approved Book Report Guidelines		
Thesaurus/ dictionary/ encyclopedia		
Teacher-generated spelling lists from various sources		

III. Key Projects:

- State Report
- Two written book reports and one oral presentation
- Research Report on a Scientist

IV. Key Field Trips: N/A

V. Objectives:

#	Topic/ Objective	Materials	Measurement	Time	Done
1st Quarter					
G1	Classify sentences: Pattern 1-2	S7, 8	Homework	1 week	
S1	Spelling List 1	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
W1					
G2	Classify sentences: Pattern 1-3	S7, 8	Homework Quiz	1 week	
S2	Spelling List 2	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V2	Lesson 1 – Building Your Vocabulary	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W2					
G3	Classify sentences: Pattern 1-4	S7, 8	Homework	1 week	
S3	Spelling List 3	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V3	Lesson 2 – Words from Animals	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W3					
G4	Classify sentences: Pattern 1-5	S7, 8	Homework Quiz	1 week	
S4	Spelling List 4	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V4	Lesson 3 – Liking and Disliking	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W4					
G5	Introduce Pattern 6	S7, 8	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Classify sentences. Review patterns 1-5				
S5	Spelling List 5	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V5	Lesson 4 – Honesty and Pretense	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W5					
G6	Introduce Pattern 7.	S7, 8	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Classify sentences. Review Patterns 1-6.				
S6	Spelling List 6	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V6	Lesson 5 – Health and Illness	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W6					
G7	Chapter 1 – The Parts of a Sentence	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify sentences and fragments. Identify subject and predicate, complete subject and complete predicate, compound subject and compound verb. Identify 4 kinds of sentences: declarative, imperative, interrogative and exclamatory.				
S7	Spelling List 7	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V7	Lesson 6 – The Roots -vid	VFA	Homework	1 week	

	and -vis		Quiz		
W7					
G8	Chapter 2 – Parts of Speech Overview.	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Define a noun. Identify common and proper nouns. Define pronoun. Identify personal, reflexive, intensive, demonstrative, indefinite and relative pronouns. Define an adjective. Identify proper and demonstrative adjectives.				
S8	Spelling List 8	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V8	Lesson 7 – Movement	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W8					
G9	Chapter 3 – Parts of Speech Overview.	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Define a verb. Identify main verbs and helping verbs. Identify action verbs and linking verbs.. Identify transitive and intransitive verbs.				
S9	Spelling List 9	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V9	Lesson 8 – Appearance and Texture	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W9					
2nd Quarter					
#	Topic/ Objective	Materials	Measurement	Time	Done
G1	Chapter 3 – Parts of Speech Overview		Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Define an adverb. Identify where adverbs are positioned in a sentence. Define preposition. Identify prepositional phrase. Know the difference between a preposition and an adverb. Define conjunction and interjection.				
S1	Spelling List 10	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V1	Lesson 9 – Words from Spanish	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W1					
G2	Chapter 4 – The Phrase and the Clause	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Define a phrase. Identify prepositional phrases, adjective phrases, adverb phrases. Define a clause. Distinguish between independent and subordinate clauses. Identify adjective and adverb clauses				
S2	Spelling List 11	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V2	Lesson 10 – Friends and Foes	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W2					
G3	Chapter 4 – The Phrase and the Clause	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify adjective and adverb clauses. Distinguish between simple, compound and complex sentences.				
S3	Spelling List 12	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V3	Lesson 11 – The law	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W3					

G4	Chapter 5 – Complements	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Define a complement. Identify direct objects and indirect objects as types of complement. Identify subject complement. Identify predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives.				
S4	Spelling List 13	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V4	Lesson 12 – The Root – meter-	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W4					
G5	Chapter 5 – Complements	HH	Homework, Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Define a complement. Identify direct objects and indirect objects as types of complement. Identify subject complement. Identify predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives.				
S5	Spelling List 14	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V5	Lesson 13 – Anger and Forgiveness	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W5					
G6	Chapter 6 – Agreement	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Define number. Identify when the subject does or doesn't agree with the verb. Identify problems in subject verb agreement. Identify indefinite pronouns. Identify how compound subjects agree in number with the verb.				
S6	Spelling List 15	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V6	Lesson 14 – Stops and Delays	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W6					
G7	Chapter 6 – Agreement Chapter 7 – Using Verbs Correctly	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify contractions <i>don't</i> & <i>doesn't</i> . Define antecedent. Identify how the pronoun agrees with its antecedent. Identify four principal parts of the verb. Distinguish between regular and irregular verbs.				
S7	Spelling List 16	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V7	Lesson 15 – Music and Sound	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W7					
G8	Chapter 7 – Using Verbs Correctly	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Define tense. Conjugate verbs in different tenses. Identify tenses. Follow consistency of tense in a sentence and throughout paragraph. Distinguish between <i>sit</i> & <i>set</i> ; <i>rise</i> & <i>raise</i> ; <i>lie</i> & <i>lay</i> .				
S8	Spelling List 17	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V8	Lesson 16 – Activity and Inactivity	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W8					
G9	Chapter 8 – Using Pronouns Correctly	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify three forms of pronouns: subject, object and possessive. Identify two forms of pronoun <i>who</i> (<i>who</i> , <i>whom</i>) and their usage. Identify pronouns with appositives.				

S9	Spelling List 18	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V9	Lesson 17 – Agreement and Disagreement	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W9					
3rd Quarter					
#	Topic/ Objective	Materials	Measurement	Time	Done
G1	Chapter 8 – Using Pronouns Correctly	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify three forms of pronouns: subject, object and possessive. Identify two forms of pronoun who (who, whom) and their usage. Identify pronouns with appositives.				
S1	Spelling List 19	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V1	Lesson 17 – Agreement and Disagreement	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W1					
G2	Chapter 9 – Using Modifiers Correctly	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Define a modifier. Identify two kinds of modifiers, adjectives and adverbs. Identify adverbial and adjectival phrases and clauses used as modifiers. Identify the three degrees of comparison of adjectives and adverbs, positive, comparative and superlative forms. Identify special problems in using modifiers.				
S2	Spelling List 20	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V2	Lesson 18 – The Roots -man- and -ped-	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W2					
G3	Chapter 9 – Using Modifiers Correctly Chapter 10 – A Glossary of Usage	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify double negatives and be able to correct them. Identify where modifiers, adjectives, adverbs, phrases and clauses, are placed. Identify common usage problems and correct them.				
S3	Spelling List 21	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V3	Lesson 19 – Amount	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W3					
G4	Chapter 10 – A Glossary of Usage	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify common usage problems and correct them.				
S4	Spelling List 22	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V4	Lesson 20 – Usualness and Unusualness	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W4					
G5	Chapter 11 – Capital Letters	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify double negatives and be able to correct them. Identify where modifiers, adjectives, adverbs, phrases and clauses, are placed. Identify common usage problems and correct them.				

S5	Spelling List 23	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V5	Lesson 21 – Government	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W5					
G6	Chapter 11 – Capital Letters	HH	Homework, Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify double negatives and be able to correct them. Identify where modifiers, adjectives, adverbs, phrases and clauses, are placed. Identify common usage problems and correct them.				
S6	Spelling List 24	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V6	Lesson 22 – Limiting and Releasing	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W6					
G7	Chapter 12 - Punctuation	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify proper use of end marks. Show ability to correct compound sentences by adding commas. Identify interrupters. Identify how to punctuate appositives. Identify how to use commas with introductory elements.				
S7	Spelling List 25	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V7	Lesson 23 – Necessities and Extras	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W7					
G8	Chapter 12 - Punctuation	HH	Homework, Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify use of comas in conventional situations. Identify unnecessary commas in the paragraph. Identify proper use of semicolons and colons. Show ability to proofread a paragraph using punctuation and capitalization rules.				
S8	Spelling List 26	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V8	Lesson 24 – sta- and Related Roots	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W8					
G9	Chapter 13 – punctuation	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify proper use of underlining (italics). Identify proper use of quotation marks. Show ability to punctuate a dialogue. Show ability to revise indirect quotation to create direct quotation and visa versa.				
S9	Spelling List 27	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V9	Lesson 25 – Attack and Defense	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W9					
4th Quarter					
#	Topic/ Objective	Materials	Measurement	Time	Done
G1	Chapter 13 - Punctuation	HH	Homework, Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify use of apostrophes in singular and plural possessive case. Identify use of apostrophes in contractions. Identify proper use of hyphens and parentheses.				
S1	Spelling List 28	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V1	Lesson 25 – Attack and Defense	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W1					

G2	Chapter 14 - Spelling	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Review spelling rules. Prefixes and suffixes. Identify how the plurals of nouns are formed.				
S2	Spelling List 29	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V2	Lesson 26 – Certainty and Uncertainty	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W2					
G3	Chapter 14 – Spelling	HH	Homework, Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify words often confused. Show ability to proofread a paragraph and correct spelling errors and the use of words often confused.				
S3	Spelling List 30	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V3	Lesson 27 – The Suffix	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W3					
G4	Chapter 15 – Correcting Common Errors	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Review of key language skills: sentence fragments and run-on sentences; subject-verb agreement; pronoun-antecedent agreement; verb forms; pronoun forms.				
S4	Spelling List 31	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V4	Lesson 28 – The Family	VFA	Homework Quiz	1 week	
W4					
G5	Chapter 15 – Correcting Common Errors	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Review of key language skills: comparison and placement of modifiers; double negatives; standard usage; capitalization; punctuation – commas, end marks, semicolons, colons, quotations marks and apostrophes.				
S5	Spelling List 32	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V5	Lesson 29 – The Roots -mit- and -mis-	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W5					
G6	Chapter 16 – Writing Effective Sentences	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Identify simple sentences and fragments. Identify and revise run-on sentences. Identify and revise stringy sentences. Identify proper use of active and passive voice. Identify ways of combining the sentences using words, groups of words, joining subjects and verbs, joining sentences, or using transitions.				
S6	Spelling List 33	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V6	Lesson 30 – Literature	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W6					
G7	Chapter 16 – Writing Effective Sentences	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Identify simple sentences and fragments. Identify and revise run-on sentences. Identify and revise stringy sentences. Identify proper use of active and passive voice. Identify ways of combining the sentences using words, groups of words, joining subjects and verbs, joining sentences, or using transitions.				

S7	Spelling List 34	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V7	Review	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W7					
G8	Chapter 17 – Sentence Diagramming	HH	Homework	1 week	
Notes	Diagram sentences containing compound subjects and verbs, understood subjects, adjectives and adverbs, prepositional phrases, direct and indirect objects, subject complements, subordinate clauses. Diagram simple and compound sentences.				
S8	Spelling List 35	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
V8	Review	VFA	Homework	1 week	
W8					
G9	Chapter 17 – Sentence Diagramming	HH	Homework Quiz	1 week	
Notes	Diagram sentences containing compound subjects and verbs, understood subjects, adjectives and adverbs, prepositional phrases, direct and indirect objects, subject complements, subordinate clauses. Diagram simple and compound sentences.				
S9	Spelling List 36	Teacher-created list	Quiz	1 week	
W9					

Additional Objectives

#	Topic/ Objective	Materials	Measurement	Done
1.	Consistently compose complete sentences and avoid sentences fragments in written compositions.		Included in Grammar and Writing assignments	
2.	Spell assigned words demonstrating adequate improvement in spelling skills and correct use of spelling rules.		Included in Spelling Quizzes	
3.	Consistently and neatly use cursive handwriting in all writing assignments.			
4.	Demonstrate a consistent ability to identify the 8 parts of speech and their corresponding functions in sentences.		Included in Grammar quizzes	
5.	Use proper grammar skills in regularly scheduled oral presentations.			
6.	Classify the parts of speech of more complex sentences using the Shurley technique.	S 7&8	Included in quizzes and tests throughout the year	
7.	Demonstrate correct use of grammar and spelling through proofing and editing his own and others' written work.		Included in Grammar, Spelling and Writing assignments	
8.	Write creative short stories, book reports, 5-part essays.			
9.	Take legible and accurate notes from a speaker's presentation.		Periodic notebook check	
10.	Demonstrate consistent neatness standards in writing assignments. (Note: most final drafts of		Included into the writing assignments	

	writing assignments should be in ink; hand-written, not word-processed.)		grade	
11.	Confidently use a dictionary, thesaurus and other basic research materials.			
12.	Increase vocabulary knowledge through regularly seeking definitions for unknown words in literature read in class and vocabulary exercises.		Included in Spelling/Vocabulary quizzes	

VI. Special Grading Notes: Unsatisfactory mark (U) is given for spelling and/or grammar mistakes.

VII. Teaching Methods Used:

1	Large group instruction using appropriate modeling
2	Individual instruction as needed
3	Weekly spelling lists, spelling bees, etc.
4	Integration of other subjects in writing/ oral presentations
5	Frequent copying of weekly verses, writing original stories and compositions, taking dictation, etc.

VIII. Approximate Time per Week: 2 ½ hours