Welcome to the 6th Grade Virtual Back to School Night!
6th Grade Teachers

Mrs. Grisham - ELA
Mrs. Martinez - Math
Ms. Valentin - Science/Social Studies
Ms. Portuese - PE/Health
Ms. Bell
Ms. Jessica
All About Me!

- Teaching at link for 8 years
- Masters degree from NJCU
- Cart teacher
- Teach **Social Studies** and **Science**
- Teach both 5th and 6th grade
- **Favorite color:** purple
- **Favorite food:** pizza
- **My hobbies include:**
  - Walking in the park
  - Shopping
  - Hanging out with my son and watching Netflix : )

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Social Studies

- Teaching origins of ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Rome
- Interactive notebooks
- Nearpod (chromebooks)
- Educational videos (short clips daily)
- Projects
  - group activities
  - Choice board activities
  - Individual presentations
Science

- Earth Science
- Rocks, Minerals, volcanoes, weather systems, water cycle, rock cycle etc.
- Hands on labs (mini-labs)
- Interactive notebook
- (same as Social Studies)
- Educational videos
- (short clips, Bill Nye)
Typical day

- Do now
  - share out
- Mini lesson (nearpod will be incorporated)
- Independent practice/group activity/stations
  - presentations
  - projects
- Class discussion
- Exit ticket
Who is Mrs. Martinez?

I earned my undergraduate from Rutgers University and my Graduate degree from NJCU.

I have been teaching for over 18 years. Six of those years I have been teaching at LINK!

I am a mom, a wife, a sister, a teacher.

Hobbies:
- Cooking
- Dancing
- Watching Movies

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite color: Blue
Some topics we will cover this year include:

Math Curriculum: Eureka Math

- Number Lines (positive and negative numbers)
- Coordinate planes
- Fractions (division and multiplication)
- Decimal operations
- Ratios and Proportions
- Evaluating expressions with the Order of Operations
Math - Daily Agenda

- Morning Routine consist of one of the following: Do Now, Math Minute, Brain game, or Times table drill sheet
- Lesson for the day!
- Independent work and/or Stations
- Homework Review (If time permits)
- Exit Ticket

Daily agenda is subject to change at teachers discretion.
Expectations for Learning

● Always come to class with an open mind, ready for learning!

● Communicate with your teachers - tell us if you’re struggling with a concept, if we’re moving too fast, or if you’ve got this and need more challenging work!

● Be open and honest about your actions.
  ○ When we have a healthy environment, we will learn more and grow together.

● Follow all Core Values:
  ○ Honesty
  ○ Caring
  ○ Responsibility
  ○ Following Directions
  ○ Respect
  ○ Doing One’s Best
Additional Information

- Accept invitation to your child's Google classrooms

- Check emails regularly for any emails forwarded through Deans list to parents (you may receive text messages occasionally as well)

- PLEASE be sure to check Powerschool regularly!

- Email us with any concerns and or questions:
  rmartinez@linkschool.org (Malala and Link)
Welcome to 6th Grade ELA!
Mrs. Grisham

I have worked in the Newark Public School system for 10 years. This is my 2nd to 3rd year here at LINK. I had the pleasure of working with 5th grade last year as one of their ELA Teachers. I am excited to be with them this year in ELA.

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I am currently enrolled at Montclair State University for my Master’s and Dual Certification.
**ELA Units of Study**

- **4 Reading Units of Study**
  - A Deep Study of Characters
  - Social Issues Book Clubs
  - Tapping the Power of Nonfiction
  - Working with Evidence: Rules to Live By

- **4 Writing Units of Study**
  - Personal Narrative
  - Literary Essay/Comparative Essay
  - Information Writing (Research Paper)
  - Evidence-Based Argument Writing
Online Programs

- NewsELA (https://newsela.com/)
- FlipGrid (flipgrid.com)
- Google Classroom (classroom.google.com)
- Google Slides, Google Forms, Google Docs, Google Sheets, etc.
- Jamboard (jamboard.google.com)
- Nearpod (nearpod.com)
- Literably
Expectations for the Classroom

● Scholars must:
  ○ Always come to class prepared with 2-3 independent reading books, earbuds/headphones, pencil cases with pencils/pens, post-it notes -- we provide Reading & Writing Notebooks and Binders
  ○ Have a positive attitude and be prepared to engage with the material in class
  ○ Be polite and respectful to themselves and their classmates
  ○ Stay focused and finish all in-class assignments within the time given

Follow All Core Values

Caring
Following Directions
Do Your Best
Respect
Honesty
Responsibility
A Day in ELA!  Reading & Writing 2-3x a week

- Do Now: Independent Reading or Quick Write
- Mini-Lesson
- Guided Practice
- Classwork: Partner Work, Group Work, and/or Independent Practice
- Small Group Instruction/Writing Conferences
- Exit Ticket
Good evening, My name is Ms Portuese. I teach PE/Health to the lower house. Physical Education is two times per week all year and health is 4 times a week for one marking period.

Physical Education expectations:

1. All scholars are expected to be in full PE uniforms which consists of a Link tee shirt, Link shorts, black socks and sneakers. Students may also wear Link sweatshirts and Sweatpants. (Please have your child put their name inside their sweatshirt and sweatpant.)
2. When entering the gym scholars will do a “do now” which consists of walking two laps around the gym then they will sit in their squad spots. Directions to follow.
3. NO GUM/CANDY
4. Good sportsmanship at all times.
5. Follow all core values. Caring Responsibility Doing One’s Best Honesty Respect Following Directions.
6. Students may take a mask break. Mask break is in the front right hand corner of the gym. Two students at a time. Students do not need to ask for a mask break. If no one is in the mask break box, they may go and take off their mask and come back to play when they feel comfortable.
7. Scholars may also bring in a water bottle. Please put their name on the water bottle. Scholars may only drink water at the stage for safety reasons.
8. HAVE FUN AND LEARN NEW ACTIVITIES!!!!!
1. Physical fitness
2. Flag football
3. Soccer
4. Soft stick hockey
5. Handball
6. Basketball
7. Kickball
8. Wiffleball
9. Volleyball
10. Recreational activities  corn hole  shuffleboard  4 square  ping pong
Health expectations

- Follow all core values.
- Topics
- Health triangle Mental, emotional and social health
- Hygiene
- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Nutrition
- CPR
- Human skeleton