



Dear Parents,

Welcome to I Love Language Level 6! We are thrilled to be partnering with you to help your child build reading, writing, and speaking skills. Our course is designed to cultivate a love of learning while providing your child with the skills necessary to become a confident reader, writer, and speaker. In this course, students study award-winning literature that reflects American Heritage values and beliefs and build on their skills in the areas of reading, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and memorization. Let's jump in!

### **Overview**

This language arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, grammar, memorization and vocabulary study in units. Each unit provides students with opportunities to develop the skills needed in each area. Students read literary and nonfiction texts that celebrate the history and themes valued by our American Heritage curriculum as they explore questions and ideas central to their lives. Students cultivate their writing skills by working through the writing process and crafting the kinds of authentic texts they will encounter in everyday life.

This course incorporates the following subjects:



Level 6 has seven units with 15–35 lessons in each unit. Each unit is based on quality literature and builds upon literacy development, including reading, writing, and speaking. The themed units are listed below:

Level 6 Themed Units						
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 7
Taking Responsibility for the Decisions We Make and How they Impact Others	Sharing Our Values, Beliefs, and Experiences through Nonfiction	How Events Shape Characters and Us	Communicating Effectively to Make an Impact	Learning about Myself and Others through Poetry	The Power and Influence of Writing	Learning about Life through Classic Stories
<i>Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>	<i>Ben Franklin's Almanac</i>	<i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>	Variety of Non-Fiction Articles	<i>Out of the Dust,</i> <i>Love that Dog</i>	Variety of persuasive texts including articles and speeches	Classic Fairy Tales

Days 1–4 provide instruction in grammar, literature, reading, writing, and memorization practice. Day 5 provides the students with opportunities to show what they know through a variety of assessment activities. Review activities are strategically placed throughout the lessons to reinforce concepts the student is learning. The daily lesson is broken into mini-lessons and activities to allow for small breaks as needed.

## **Methods**

### **Literature**

Each unit is built around a quality piece of literature that builds upon and reinforces reading, fluency, and comprehension skills.

### **Spelling**

Our spelling program is phonics-based. Level 6 is a review and continuation of spelling rules learned previously. At the end of each unit, students are assessed on the spelling and vocabulary concepts reviewed in that unit. Phonics-based spelling helps a child apply the rules and skills needed to spell words, rather than memorizing a spelling list each week.

### **Assessments**

At the end of each unit, a variety of assessments check for mastery of the concepts taught. Some of the unit assessments include the following:

- Spelling Assessment
- Vocabulary Assessment
- Greek & Latin Root Word Assessment
- Reading Comprehension

- Writing Assessment
- Memorization Pass-Off

### Greek & Latin Root Word Study

Beginning in Unit 3, students study new Greek or Latin root words each week. They make cards to review throughout the year. Assessments are given mid-unit and end of unit. These root words are important for students to learn and study as they grow to love language.

### Memorizations

The purpose of memorization is to engrave inspired articulations of truths in the mind and heart of a child and enable them to store up scriptures, poems, quotes, or other information that becomes useful to them in building the kingdom of God on earth. Memorizations serve children throughout their lives by strengthening their capacity to learn. Children participate and practice memorizations in fun and engaging ways throughout the unit.

### Supplies

Books	Materials for each Lesson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Witch of Blackbird Pond</li> <li>• Ben Franklin's Almanac</li> <li>• Lizzy Bright &amp; the Buckminster Boy</li> <li>• Out of the Dust</li> <li>• Love that Dog</li> <li>• Lifeboat 12</li> <li>• Classic Fairy Tales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writer's Notebook – composition notebook or 3-ring binder</li> <li>• 3x5 cards</li> <li>• pencil</li> <li>• colored pencils or markers</li> </ul>

You are involved in a great work, and we are honored to support you in your divine role. We pray the Lord will guide you as you and your child walk this patient, joyful path of learning.

Sincerely,

The 4–8 Language Arts Development Team