

La Salle Academy Curriculum & Policies

Jr. High Grade 6 English

Teacher: Mrs. Nicole Andres

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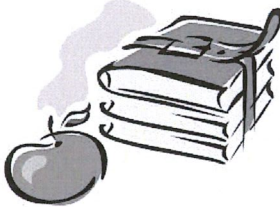
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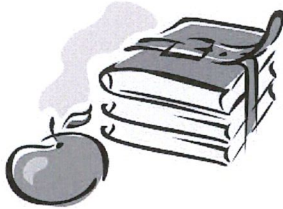
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