

6th Grade Language Arts

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"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

What's expected of me?

All are expected to LIVE the Patriot CODE.

Be Safe



MOVE AROUND SAFELY AND CALMLY. Keep your hands and feet to your self. Use materials and equipment appropriately. Report unsafe or intimidating behavior. Get adult help if needed.

Be Respectful



USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS. Respect others' space and property. Be helpful. Listen attentively. Apply the Golden Rule.

Be Responsible



BE A POSITIVE EXAMPLE. Be on time and ready to learn. Do your best work. Communicate about your needs and questions. Follow instructions. Keep the classroom and school clean.

What will we be learning and doing together?

We will MASTER these SKILLS

READING INFORMATIONAL TEXTS
READING LITERATURE
WRITING NARRATIVES
WRITING INFORMATIONALLY
WRITING ARGUMENTS
COMMUNICATING ACADEMICALLY
USING LANGUAGE EFFECTIVELY (GRAMMAR, CREATIVITY, ETC.)

We will EXPLORE the THEME of CHANGE



Our main ELA text will be:

SpringBoard[®]

How will I be graded?

Summative Assessments: 70%

Essays, Tests, Projects

Summative assessments are meant to show what you have learned over the course of a whole unit. The goal is for you to meet or exceed the learning standards set for the unit.



Note:

You may resubmit summative assessments for a higher grade. (A plan for resubmitting must first be discussed with Ms. Mercker.) The point is for you to reach the learning target, even if you don't do it on the first try.

Formative Assessments: 15%

Quizzes, Rough Drafts, SpringBoard Assignments

Formative assessments show what you've learned from a lesson or part of a unit. They help us see if you are on the right track to be successful on a summative assessment.

Daily Practice: 15%

Writing Practice, Worksheets, Article of the Week, SpringBoard Activities

Daily Practice is what builds your skills and makes you a master of English Language Arts! It also gets you ready for those big-time assessments.

What else do I need to know?

Late Work

BE RESPONSIBLE. You will learn best by doing your work on time. It will be very difficult to keep on top of new lessons if you are still trying to complete old ones.

However, I understand that life sometimes gets hectic and things don't always go as planned. If you are unable to get work turned in before the due date, talk to me so we can work out a plan.

There will be a final deadline at the end of each unit of study, after which all previous work will be too late to turn in.

Absences

Again, BE RESPONSIBLE. Do not wait for your teachers to tell you about make-up work.

1. Check the "While You Were Away" binder for handouts and assignments from the day you were absent.
2. Review the handouts with a classmate. Ask them if anything else was covered that is not in the binder.
3. If you still have questions, talk to me! I'll be most able to help you before or after class, not during class time.

Remind



I will send occasional reminders and updates about important class information using Remind. You and your parents can sign up to receive these updates.

To receive messages via text, text @merck to 81010.

Or to receive messages via email, send an email to merck@mail.remind.com.

Materials

Things you'll need for this class every day:

- your binder (this will stay in class)
- your planner (also known as Ike Pages)
- an independent reading book
- plenty of lined notebook paper
- a pen, pencil, colored pencils, and highlighter
- your SpringBoard book

A note on technology

Most of the time, personal devices need to remain out of sight when in class. Occasionally, there will be opportunities to use your cell phone or other devices in class. I will let you know when that is. (Also, I will always provide the tech tools necessary for any assignment.)

Communication

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