

6th Grade English Language Arts Policies and Expectations
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Class Goals: This class is designed to help students grow as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and scholars. We will use The Great Books Curriculum to guide our reading and discussion practices, as well as Nancy Atwell’s reading/writing curriculum to shape outside reading and in-class conferences. The majority of students’ writing assignments will help students excel as expository and persuasive writers. Students will also have ample opportunities to write creatively. In addition to these core aspects of the language arts, students will learn vocabulary and grammar concepts that help increase writing style and clarity.

<p>Grade Components Reading 30% Writing 30% Participation (speaking/listening) 20% Grammar 10% Vocabulary 10%</p> <p>Grading Scale A= 93-100 A-=90-92 B+=88-89 B=83-87 B-=80-82 C+=78-79 C=73-77 C-=70-72 D+=68-69 D=60-70 F<60</p> <p>Breaks In between classes you will have scheduled breaks. Using Zoom means we are guests in one another’s homes. We may get interrupted or need to take an unscheduled break.</p>	<p>Participation Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be logged in to Zoom on time. ● Respectfully use video, chat, and icons to communicate. ● Keep your reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities mostly on task. I’ll provide time for structured and unstructured class discussions, mini-lessons, independent work, paired work, and group work. ● Be kind and respectful to one another. And to me, please! ● I welcome open communication and feedback. <p>Possible Texts Great Books Roundtable <i>The Giver and/ or Binti</i> <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> <i>Little Women</i> <i>The Outsiders</i> <i>Anna of Byzantium</i> <i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</i> Poetry Independent Reading (60 minutes minimum a week. Of course, if you want to do more, please do).</p>	<p>Homework Policy I will attempt to make the amount of ELA homework predictable, and I will not give more than 15-20 minutes of additional ELA homework a few times a week.</p> <p>Absences If you are absent, please check Google Classroom for missing assignments and email me if you have further questions.</p> <p>Ms. Hogan Contact: beth.hogan@campu sms.org</p>
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