



# 6th Grade Language Arts Syllabus

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**Supply List:** See supply list on school website. Please note these *individual* supplies for the school year that each student is required to have every day.

## Classroom Donations

All teachers would appreciate donations of these items. Students may turn them into their homeroom teacher.

- Tissues
- Ziploc baggies, quart size
- Ziploc baggies, gallon size
- Tape refills
- Disinfecting wipes
- Notebook paper (college ruled)
- White glue
- Expo markers



## Behavior Policies

Our classrooms will support learning through a positive approach to classroom management. We value group work and perseverance. Our behavior policies focus on making the classroom an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for everyone. Your child will receive lots of encouragement. Please know that if your child could use improvement in any behavior area, his/her teacher will contact you. Feel free to contact the teacher at any time if you have any concerns.



### Expectations

- Be Respectful.
- Show Responsibility.
- Create an environment where learning can happen.

### Rewards

- may include...
- Verbal Praise
- Phone Call/Note/Email home
- Classroom Privileges

### Consequences

- may include...
- Verbal/Written Warning
- Phone Call/Note/Email home
- Loss of Privileges
- Office Referral

## Academic Grades

*Students are evaluated in two separate areas.*

### ELA Academic:

#### Reading:

- Collections - End of Unit Tests (District Benchmark) – 25%
- Projects – 20%
- Literature Analysis and Critical Vocabulary – 20%
- Collection Novel Units/ - Selection Quizzes/Literacy Skills Quizzes – 20%
- Independent Reading - 15%

#### Writing:

- Writing District Benchmark – 25%
- Language Development (Vocabulary strategies and conventions) - 20%
- Writing Assignments – 20%
- 5-A-Day Language Review Quizzes - 20%
- Journal Writing - 15%

#### Assessment Corrections for Proficiency:

- A student who earns a score below 70% on any assessment may make corrections for ½ credit of the corrected portion (i.e. 40% first take; 60% with all corrections = 30% (1/2 credit) for a final grade of 70%.) Corrections must be turned in **within one week of receiving your test grade.**

#### Effort Grades

- Homework is graded on a completed/not-completed basis and may be turned in late (**within one week**) for partial credit. Students must show all work/give complete responses to demonstrate their understanding of the concepts.
- Incomplete work is not accepted; please complete the assignment and turn in.
- It is the **student's responsibility** to find out what assignment(s) that he/she has missed while absent. Please refer to the website ([spuela.weebly.com](http://spuela.weebly.com)), a peer buddy or speak with the teacher. Remember, there is no substitute for learning in school. Please make every effort to schedule vacations and appointments outside of the school day.

#### Citizenship Grades

- Citizenship grades are based on a student's Behavior, Attitude, Group Work, Participation
- Students **earn** a grade of *Outstanding* or *Satisfactory* through extra effort (including participation), responsibility (including being on time and bringing materials to school), behavior and attitude.

#### Web Grades

- Academic grades can be accessed through Synergy at any time through the school's website.

**Please sign into your child's ELA Google Classroom and indicate that you have read and discussed this class syllabus with your child by Friday, August 27, 2019.**