



6th & 7th Grade
English Language Arts (E.L.A.) & Literature (Lit.) SYLLABUS
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Welcome to the start of a new school year!

Students will be studying E.L.A. and Literature from Pearson's *My Perspectives*, vocabulary from Sadlier's *Vocabulary Workshop*, and writing skills from Sadlier's *Grammar for Writing*. In addition to these textbooks students will be reading the following books during Literature this year:

GRADE	Title	Author
6th Grade	Bud Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
	The Sword and the Circle	Rosemary Sutcliff
7th Grade	Hour of the Bees	Lindsay Eagar
	The Outsiders	S.E. Hinton
	Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt

The curriculum will blend grammatical concepts, writing structures, and text analysis to improve students' critical thinking skills, while new vocabulary and frequent reading will improve natural language abilities and reading comprehension.

Supplies Needed

- Textbooks (*My Perspectives, Vocabulary Workshop, Grammar for Writing*)
- Pen, pencil, and highlighter
- Folder & notebook
- Novel/Biography (when needed)
- Free Choice Reading Book (must be school appropriate)

Conduct Expectations

Students are expected to:

1. Be on-task, & prepared with class materials
2. Be responsible for own learning
3. Respect the people, the learning, and the classroom
4. Clean up after him/herself

Consequences to breaking these rules will be based on severity and up to teacher/principal's discretion.

Grading Summary

Students will be allowed to demonstrate how well they are making sense of E.L.A. lessons in many ways. Below is a grading summary.

- **Classwork:** These are assignments and activities that are completed in class that will develop strong E.L.A. understanding. Work that is not finished in class will become homework!
- **Assessments/Tests:** All concepts will be assessed accordingly: vocabulary and grammar quizzes, quizzes on readings, projects to demonstrate understanding of literary concepts, and papers to demonstrate writing skills of various topics and literary analysis. Projects and papers will be graded with a rubric that will be returned with the grade. The opportunity for **retakes or test corrections on tests will be given.**

Neatness Counts! Students are required to turn in neat, legible written assignments. Students will be asked to resubmit messy and illegible work prior to grading.

Late work policy for the Academy- work that is one day late will be marked down 15%. Work that is two days late will be marked down 30%. Any work that is three or more days late will be 50% of the grade and the student will receive a detention.

- **Wonder Wall:** Each quarter, every student will choose a topic they wonder about and do a guided self-paced research project on it. Students will use Google Jamboard to create a web of their questions about the topic and a web of the answers associated. At the end of the quarter, students will share their findings with the class. This project will be graded on thoroughness, not specific content, however there will be certain minimum requirements for the amount of information gathered.
- **AR:** students are expected to complete AR tests and meet the given goal of **20 points per quarter.** The Quarter 1 AR due date is Friday, October 29, 2021.
- **iXL:** Occasionally iXL skills will be assigned to students for extra practice with a concept we are studying. These skills will be graded, with some class time given to work on it.

Communication

All students need to join their Google Classroom, and parents are invited to join as guardians. The Google Classroom codes are as follows:

- 6th Grade ELA/Lit: ii4537k
- 7th Grade ELA/Lit: zubf5rd

I am looking forward to a wonderful year! Please feel free to contact me via email with any further questions.