

LANGUAGE ARTS SIXTH GRADE
syllabus



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CLASS MATERIALS:
BLUE PENS (1 PKG.)
RED PENS (1 PKG.)
COLORED CARDSTOCK (1 PKG. 8.5X11)
****3 SUBJECT NOTEBOOK (COLLEGE RULED WITH
STORAGE POCKETS) (1) ****
#2 PENCILS- PREFERABLY MECHANICAL (1-2 PKGS.)
3X3 STICKY NOTES (2 PACKS)
DRY ERASE MARKER (1 MARKER-ANY COLOR)

Course and Curriculum Information:

English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) courses in grades K-4 will focus on the development of the foundational skills needed for students to be successful at the elementary level, while English Language Arts and Reading courses in grades 5-12 will focus on continuing the development and refinement of those skills.

ELAR courses in Texas will have new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for grades K-8 in 2019-20 and for grades 9-12 in 2020-21. These new TEKS reflect the way literacy works when students take ownership of their own learning; building on foundational skills, increasing comprehension through response to multiple genres, analyzing author's craft and purpose in order to apply that craft in their own compositions, and, all along the way, thinking with inquiring minds.

For additional information, please visit www.mansfieldisd.org AND select "Menu," "Departments," "Curriculum and instruction," "PK-12 Core Curriculum," "English/Language Arts/Reading."

Instructional Materials:

Students will use a variety of texts including, but not limited to, a literature textbook (Pearson my perspectives) and novels selected from the district approved reading list.

Classwork and Homework:

Students will have opportunities to complete work in class but will also have homework on occasion. Class participation and involvement is encouraged to facilitate a positive learning environment for each student.

Reading Expectations:

Students will be expected to read 40 books independently this year. Students will have free choice of books from a variety of assigned genres. Students will be monitored throughout each six weeks and earn a grade for their independent reading.

Reports and Projects:

various reports and projects will be required throughout the year. Deadlines and requirements for these assignments will be sent home to parents in advance of due dates.

iStation:

iStation is a computer-based reading comprehension and fluency building program used by Mansfield ISD at the intermediate level. Students WILL BE assessed at the beginning, middle, and end of the year to evaluate their reading progress.

Assessment Calendar:

Students will take quizzes and tests in class throughout the year to show mastery of material presented. These assessments will be given at the teacher's discretion with advance notice to students in most cases. Students will keep track of assignments and due dates in their student planners. Students will also take the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) for Reading on May 13, 2019.

Grading Policies:

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review the policies and contact me with questions as needed.

Weighting of Grades:

Grades in Language Arts are weighted according to the following scale:

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| Daily Work/Quizzes: | 50% |
| CBAs/Tests/Projects: | 40% |
| Homework: | 10% |

Late Work Policy:

For work submitted after the due date given in class, the following policy will apply:

- 1 class day late – grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 15 points
- 2 class days late – grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 30 points
- 3 Class days Late – grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 50 points
- 4+ class days late – assignment will no longer be accepted

Semester Grades:

Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three grading periods within the semester. The three grading periods will equal 100% of the student's grade (33.3% per grading period). Credit is awarded at the end of the academic year.

*No semester exams are administered at the intermediate level.

UIL Eligibility (“No Pass/No Play”)

- Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three six-week reporting periods.

- Each six-week grading period will stand alone for eligibility purposes.
- A student who is declared academically ineligible after a six-week grading period will be able to regain eligibility if all of the student's grade averages are 70% or higher at the subsequent three-week grade reporting period.
- See MISD Board Policy FM (LOCAL) – Exempt Courses
- “We Care Too Much About You to Let You Fail!” Any student that has below a 70 in any class WILL NOT participate in Recess or Fun Friday. Students will stay in an assigned teacher's room the entire time to complete any missing or failing assignments. Students who are not passing will also not be able to participate in club competitions, track meets, basketball tournaments, school socials, etc.

Retake Policy:

Students who fail a major test/assessment (below 70%) will be allowed to retake or correct up to a 70% grade. Students will have to make arrangements with the teacher to retake or correct a major test/assessment. Students have one week after tests/assessments are returned to do retakes or corrections. Students are encouraged to attend tutorials.

Tardies, Absences, & Missed Work:

Students are encouraged to be responsible for collecting work from each teacher after an absence. Students have one extra day for each day they were absent to complete a missed assignment. Arrangements for taking a missed test or quiz must be made with the teacher. All quizzes and tests must be made up in tutorials.

Academic Dishonesty:

These policies are addressed in the Student Handbook. Please review them and contact me with questions as needed.

Resources:

Parents -

Parents are encouraged to set up an account on Skyward, the district's grade reporting site. Grades are updated weekly. This portal enables parents to monitor their own students' grades during the school year. You may obtain your login/password from the school registrar or secretary. Then go to www.mansfieldisd.org and click on the Skyward icon. Follow directions for setting up a parent account.

Students -

Tutoring, enrichment classes, library resources, and monitored internet research will be available to students. Before or after school help may be available by advance appointment. Check with the teacher about these options.

Personal Classroom Bookshelf

I have over 300 hundred titles in my personal classroom library that have either been purchased with my money or donated by family and friends. In order to maintain my classroom library, I am asking that if your student misplaces or damages one of the novels from my personal library, that you kindly replace it. This will ensure my students in the coming years can enjoy the benefits of having a rich classroom library!