



## STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Year at a Glance

#### ELAR Grade 6

**Course Description:** This course is designed to enhance students' communications skills through reading, writing, listening, speaking, thinking, collaborating, and the study of the English language. The primary focus in language arts class will be comprehension and composition of multiple genres. Additionally, students will demonstrate mastery of the appropriate use of the rules of grammar in direct correspondence to the TEKS. Writing assignments will include timed writings, formal/assessment writing, literary writing, informational writing, and argument writing, critiques, and creative pieces. Vocabulary, spelling, and supplemental grammar assignments (as needed) will also be an important part of this class. Students are expected to read nightly for a minimum of twenty minutes at home. As a community of learners, students can expect to work periodically in cooperative learning situations and to present information to their peers in collaborative teams as well as individually.

<i>Grading Periods</i>	<i>Unit Names</i>
Grading Period 1	Unit 0: Laying the Literacy Foundation for Sixth Unit 1: Growing Up
Grading Period 2	Unit 1: Growing Up Unit 2: Natural Allies
Grading Period 3	Unit 2: Natural Allies Unit 3: Technology and Society
Grading Period 4	Unit 3: Technology and Society
Grading Period 5	Unit 4: The Power of Imagination <i>STAAR Preparation Unit</i>
Grading Period 6	Unit 5: Exploration