

ELA: Writing Highlights

Grade 6

What your Middle School Student will learn . . .

Students will explore the following units of study:

- New Beginnings
- Finding Your Voice
- Inspiring Voices
- Making Your Mark

What your Middle School Student will do . . .

- Get to know him/herself as a writer, set writing goals and reflect on his/her learning in writing
- Keep a writer's notebook
- Write for a particular audience and purpose and use organizational patterns, language, and literary techniques to elicit an intended response from the reader
- Prepare an argument supported with sound evidence and valid reasoning
- Develop informational pieces which are based on reliable and credible sources and contain precise language and specific detail which are appropriate for the purpose and audience
- Compose clear and focused fictional narratives to convey a well-defined perspective and appropriate content that can document thinking, goals, ideas, and dreams
- Study mentor texts (published pieces of writings) in various genres to understand the writing he/she is expected to do
- Write a wide variety of texts
- Share his or her writing electronically

What families will see . . .

- Writing homework for practice and preparation
- Writer's notebook entries
- Completed written pieces

How families can help . . .

- Explore your child's writing assignments
- Read and comment on writing
- Encourage writing at home
- Keep open communication with your child's teachers