



FARNSWORTH FILES

6th Grade ELA Quarterly Newsletter

The Home of Future Leaders

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READERS & WRITERS WORKSHOPS

Class Descriptions

ELA 6 provides reading, writing, media literacy, and language instruction. Students will read/write while evaluating a variety of genres, will participate in literature discussions and book clubs, and will select books to read independently.

Reading and writing goals will be set by students based on their strengths, needs, and interests. Common Core reading and writing standards will outline the skills learned by students in ELA 6.

For the first days of ELA, 6th grade teachers and students will work together to create a reading life both at home and school. **Students are therefore expected to read an average of at least 30 minutes a day.** There may be occasional other assignments to complete at home. Reading, however, is an ongoing and consistent responsibility for all students outside of the classroom.



Why Read *at home?*

STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year




SCORES IN THE 90TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT B READS

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year




SCORES IN THE 50TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT C READS

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year




SCORES IN THE 10TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

SPED UPDATES...

If your student is receiving SPED support, feel free to contact the teacher listed above with any questions or concerns.



ELL UPDATES...

If your student is receiving ELL support, feel free to contact the teacher listed above with any questions or concerns.



REMEMBER... FARNSWORTH FUTURE LEADERS ARE:

- ✓ RESPECTFUL,
- ✓ RESPONSIBLE,
- ✓ SAFE,
- ✓ AND ON-TIME EVERY DAY.

GRADING & HOMEWORK

All classwork, practice, and assessments (projects, tests, quizzes, performances) will be graded according to proficiency on the Common Core Standards. Students will receive a score of 0 – 4 on all work.

- 0 - incomplete
- 1 - beginning
- 2 - developing
- 3 - proficient
- 4 - exceeds

**** Each quarter, scores of 0 – 2 can be redone until the student reaches a score of at least 3.**

Grades are weighted as follows:
20% - classwork/homework
80% - assessments



UNITS OF STUDY

READERS WORKSHOP

QUARTER 1

Poetry

Character Development

QUARTER 2

Narrative Nonfiction

Informational Nonfiction

QUARTER 3

Social Issues Book Clubs

Test-Taking

QUARTER 4

Fantasy Genre Book Clubs

Poetry

WRITERS WORKSHOP

QUARTER 1

Narrative Writing

Personal Narrative Writing

QUARTER 2

Informational Writing

Research-based Writing

QUARTER 3

Argument Writing

Literary Essays

QUARTER 4

Fantasy Genre Writing

Poetry

SIXTH GRADE

WEEKLY READING LOG SAMPLE

WEEK 2: SEPTEMBER 10-16		BOOK TITLE	MINUTES READ	PAGES READ
9/10	Friday			
9/11	Saturday			
9/12	Sunday			
9/13	Monday			
9/14	Tuesday			
9/15	Wednesday			
9/16	Thursday			



APPS & WEBSITES FOR READING ONLINE:

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LibraryGo

eBooks MN

TeenBookCloud

TumbleBooks Library

Audiobooks & Podcasts

St. Paul Public Library Overdrive



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