



# FARNSWORTH FILES

## 6th Grade ELA Quarterly Newsletter

The Home of Future Leaders

LATE FALL EDITION | NOVEMBER

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### READERS WORKSHOP

This quarter, we will be examining how **narrative** and **informational nonfiction** literature use different sets of skills for comprehension. Discovering text features and types, as well as reading for specific information will be studied as well.

### WRITERS WORKSHOP

This quarter, we will begin our **nonfiction writing** unit by writing a series of information books. Later, we will use digital resources to research facts on a variety of topics and will follow that up by creating researched-based writings.



### 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.

### writing workshop: Research Based Information Writing



# WINTER FAST TESTING FOR READING IS COMING UP!

BACK IN SEPTEMBER, STUDENTS COMPLETED OUR FALL READING FAST TESTING FOR THE DISTRICT.

AS WINTER APPROACHES, STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR MID-YEAR READING EVALUATIONS IN JANUARY.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DO THEIR BEST ON THESE FAST TESTS, SO THAT WE CAN ACCURATELY GAUGE READING LEVELS AND COMPREHENSION ABILITIES.



## READING AT HOME

Reading at home for **30 minutes each day** is a continued expectation for 6th grade students. There is no shortage of reading material available to students. In addition to physical books, students have access to multiple apps on their iPads with digital books. All reading logs and login information are linked in Readers Workshop classes in Schoology for students. Please be encouraging students to work toward this 30 minute reading goal each day as it will help to improve comprehension skills and boost testing scores.

## APPS & WEBSITES FOR READING ONLINE:

Epic  
MackinVia  
LibraryGo  
eBooks MN  
TeenBookCloud  
TumbleBooks Library  
Audiobooks & Podcasts  
St. Paul Public Library Overdrive



For more resources, visit:  
<https://libguides.spps.org/mssterm>

UPCOMING  
UNITS  
OF  
STUDY

## READERS WORKSHOP

### QUARTER 3

Social Issues Book Clubs  
Test-Taking

### QUARTER 4

Fantasy Genre Book Clubs  
Poetry

## WRITERS WORKSHOP

### QUARTER 3

Argument Writing  
Literary Essays

### QUARTER 4

Fantasy Genre Writing  
Poetry

## WEEKLY READING LOG SAMPLE

WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 12-18		BOOK TITLE	MINUTES READ	PAGES READ
11/12	Friday			
11/13	Saturday			
11/14	Sunday			
11/15	Monday			
11/16	Tuesday			
11/17	Wednesday			
11/18	Thursday			



## 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

**\*\* A score of 0 – 2 can be redone until the student reaches a score of at least 3 (within the designated quarter).**

Grades are weighted:  
20% - classwork  
80% - assessments



QUARTER 2 EXTENDS FROM  
NOVEMBER 11, 2024 TO  
JANUARY 24, 2025