

Syllabus

6th Grade Language Arts

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Our goal is to cultivate the ability to question, analyze, and articulate our thoughts through diverse reading and writing practices, empowering ourselves to become independent thinkers and active, contributing citizens.



Materials

- Yellow Plastic Folder with brads
- Yellow Notebook
- Chromebook
- Current Unit Text
- Planner
- Wire Headphones
- Pencil case



Google Classroom Reminders

- Notifications turned **ON (Under Settings)**
- Always hit **TURN IN** on assignments



Books

Books will be integrated throughout each trimester and will build on skills being taught to help us discover answers for each unit's guiding questions. Guiding questions will be introduced at the start of each unit.

- Flying Lessons & Other Stories Edited by Ellen Oh
- The Boy Who Harnessed Wind by William Kamkwamba
- The Iliad and the Odyssey (Core Classics Version) Adapted from Homer
- 90 Miles to Havana by Enrique Flores-Galbis

Absences and Makeup Work

If you are absent from class, **YOU** are responsible for getting and making up any missing work



- Check the weekly snapshot and Google Classroom
- Pick up work from the hanging files on the entry wall with extra copies labeled by day
- See me during **ASH - not during class** - to get help, ask questions about missing work, or make up tests/quizzes
- You will have 2 days for each day you are absent to make up work - after that it your assignment will be recorded as a zero



Late/Missing Work

- Missing or late work will be marked as **"Missing"** in Infinite Campus. This will temporarily calculate as a zero until the work is updated.
- Work turned in **more than one week late** may receive **up to 50% credit**.
- Work turned in **more than two weeks late** will receive a **zero**.
- Email me and include the title of any missing or late assignment once you have turned it in, so I am aware to go back and check for it.
- **Additional Support Hours (ASH)** are available to give students extra time and help with assignments.



Procedures and Expectations

Show **HARD WORK** during our Class Time

- Complete warm-up at the start of class
- Turn in assignments on time
- Check Google Classroom/ Promethean Board for daily tasks
- Fill out your planner daily to know homework
- Pick up after yourself

→ Behave **KINDLY & Respectfully**

- Listen when others are speaking
- Demonstrate empathy

→ Demonstrate **EXCELLENCE**

- Working independently and in partnerships
- Asking questions and volunteering
- Limiting distractions



Additional Policies

Homework Passes- Homework passes can be earned, but they can only be used on paper based assignments or IXL. They cannot be used on assigned reading homework or test corrections.

- **NO PHONES** - Everything needed for class is accessible on your Chromebooks or on paper. If brought to school, cell phones should be kept in your locker on silent.



- If the cell phone/smartwatch is being used without permission, **it will be taken and a guardian will need to pick it up from the front office.**

- **Bathrooms-** Students will sign out to use the bathroom. Bathrooms should be used during passing periods whenever possible.
- Keep backpacks in your lockers.

ASH (Academic Support)

- Will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.



Homework

→ **Homework will vary, so update your planner daily**

→ **Weekly Homework**

(5 minutes of time is given at the start of the class period to work on weekly homework.)

- ◆ Grammar skill packet
- ◆ 1-2 IXL strands

→ **Daily homework**

- ◆ Assigned reading
- ◆ Incomplete classwork (as needed)
- ◆ Test corrections, which will be started in class, can be completed in ASH

Grading Scale

Exams / Papers 40%
 Classwork/Quizzes 30%
 Skills Practice 15%
 Class Participation 15%

The grading scale for 2nd through 8th grade is as follows:

- A (100-92) Exceptional Achievement
- B (82-91) Above Average Achievement
- C (72-81) Average Achievement
- D (60-71) Below Average Achievement
- E (Below 60) Not Meeting Grade Level

