Driscoll ISD 2026–2027

6th Grade English Language Arts & Reading

Course Description

Students will read and analyze a variety of literary and informational texts while developing skills in reading comprehension, vocabulary, writing, grammar, research, and communication. Students will explore narrative, mystery, mythology, historical texts, and contemporary literature through the Amplify ELA curriculum. Students will respond to texts through discussion, written responses, essays, creative projects, and other products.

Instruction will emphasize close reading, analysis of literary elements, vocabulary development, evidence-based responses, writing processes, and effective communication aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Semester 1: July 22 – December 18, 2026

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
Amplify Unit 6A – Dahl & Narrative • Narrative elements • Plot structure • Character development • Point of view • Setting • Conflict • Theme • Mood and tone • Narrative writing • Evidence-based responses • Vocabulary development • Grammar and conventions **Amplify Unit 6B – Mysteries & Investigations** • Mystery and suspense • Character analysis • Plot development • Making inferences • Citing textual evidence • Author's craft • Point of view • Setting and atmosphere	**Amplify Unit 6D – The Greeks** • Greek mythology • Myths and their characteristics • Character and archetype • Theme • Plot and conflict • Comparing texts • Cultural and historical context • Analyzing figurative language • Evidence-based writing • Vocabulary development • Research and presentation skills **Amplify Unit 6E – Summer of the Mariposas** • Novel study • Character development • Theme • Setting • Plot structure • Point of view • Cultural identity • Family and relationships • Literary analysis

• Informational texts connected to investigations • Vocabulary development • Writing and discussion	• Comparing texts • Evidence-based responses • Narrative and analytical writing • Vocabulary development

Semester 2: January 6 – May 21, 2027

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
• Informational text analysis • Main idea and supporting details • Text structure • Author's purpose • Central idea • Claims and evidence • Comparing and contrasting texts • Vocabulary development • Research skills • Evidence-based writing • Grammar and conventions	• Argumentative writing • Claims and counterclaims • Reasons and evidence • Author's purpose and rhetorical techniques • Research-based writing • Primary and secondary sources • Credible sources • Citing sources • Comparing multiple texts • Research presentations • Review and application of 6th Grade ELAR skills

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