

6TH GRADE English Language Arts Syllabus

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Course Name: 6th Grade English Language Arts 2016-2017

Texts Used: Four novels will be used with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts *Bud, Not Buddy, Jason's Gold, Ella Enchanted, and The Cay.*

Other: SRI program, Reading Counts as well as student's chapter books, and worksheets

Course Description: Students will review and develop skills focusing on District goals and Common Core State Standards. Students will be expected to read novels of their own choosing, as well as teacher selected, as part of their English Language Arts goals.

GRADING COMPONENTS:

The sixth grade teachers believe that grades should be a means of giving feedback of achievement to students and parents. Therefore student grades will not include extra credit, academic dishonesty, attendance, or group scoring. Grading is based on percentages or points, with the final grade computed by averages. Grades will measure achievement of Common Core.

Any student earning a test grade below 80% will be required to retake the test. They will be allowed one retake and will receive an average of the two scores.

Grading Scale: A 93-100	B- 80-82	D + 67-69
A- 90-92	C+ 77-79	D 63-66
B+ 87-89	C 73-76	D- 60-62
B 83-86	C- 70-72	F 0-59

CLASS AND HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to bring the following items to class daily: mini, chapter book, a folder for ELA class, sharpened pencils, and pen. Other items that are suggested are: highlighters and colored pencils.

Daily work not completed in class becomes homework. All homework is expected to be completed and turned in at the beginning of the class period for which it is assigned. If a student has a missing assignment, it will result in a slip to report to the ZAP room during lunch each day until the assignment is completed. A "M*" will be used in the grade book for missing assignments. Incompletes will be given an M* until they are completed. The school wide **ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted)** program will be used to ensure that students complete homework on time. Late work will receive a 20% grade reduction and after two days, a 50% grade reduction. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to obtain work missed due to absence and to make it up promptly.

RETAKING TESTS

Sometimes students need a second chance on a particular assessment. Students will be retaking tests **if** the following requirements are met:

The score on the assessment was lower than 80%

All assignments pertaining to the test must be complete.

Classroom Rules:

1. Be on time and prepared
2. Respect self, others, and environment
3. Follow directions

*The Coopersville Board of Education Rules and the Middle School Handbook will be enforced.

Extra help is available. I can meet before school, during lunch, or after school if an appointment is made. Parental help at home is encouraged and needed.

Looking forward to a great year!

Brian Moore

P.S. A donation of two boxes of Kleenex's would be greatly appreciated!

Wish List: Hand sanitizer, pencils, and books your child has enjoyed reading and would like to donate to our class library.

I have read and understand the syllabus.

Student signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____