

English Language Arts (ELA)

Grade 6

*"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."
-- J.K. Rowling*

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Course Content:

- Reading and describing characteristics of various reading materials including:
 - fiction, such as novels and short stories
 - nonfiction, such as news articles, editorials, and advertisements
 - poetry
- Applying comprehension strategies such as summarizing, note taking, comparing, contrasting and classifying
- Writing frequently in a variety of forms
- Developing language skills in vocabulary, sentence variety, grammar and mechanics
- Developing skills in speaking, listening, and media literacy

Supplies:

- Spiral notebook
- Folder
- Pencil
- Highlighter
- Planner/work log (supplied)
- Independent reading book

Cell Phone Policy:

Cell phones are not allowed in the ELA classrooms and are to be left in students' lockers. Cell phones should not be taken out or used during breaks given in ELA or in the restroom. If a cell phone is seen or heard, a warning will be given and parents/guardians will be contacted. Any additional violations will result in a referral to the assistant principal.

Homework:

- 15-20 minutes of independent reading at home each evening
- Completion of any unfinished class work

Late Work:

Students are expected to complete ALL of their work on time.

Grading:

The grade breakdown for all 6th Grade ELA classes is as follows:

- 70% Class Assessments
- 20% Practice/Homework/Vocabulary/Independent Reading
- 10% End-of-Trimester Common Assessments

Communication

- Grades will be viewable on A-H Connect
- The best way to contact me is through email, but I will check my voicemail each day and respond within one school day
- Conferences are conducted on a drop-in basis on the following evenings:
 - Trimester One: October 15, 23
 - Trimester Two: January 15, 17

Remind

I will be using the third-party service Remind to send push notifications and/or text messages to remind students and families of assignments that are due, upcoming quizzes/tests, etc. The service is confidential; I won't know your phone numbers and you won't know mine. Remind does not share phone numbers and is free to use (although standard text messaging rates apply). For more information, visit the website www.remind.com. If you are interested in signing up, please follow the instructions below pertaining to your ELA course.

- If you have me for ELA period 3:
 - Go to the website www.remind.com/join
 - Enter the class code [@nelson3ela](#) and follow the instructions on the screen.
- If you have me for ELA periods 4-5:
 - Go to the website www.remind.com/join
 - Enter the class code [@ela4nelson](#) and follow the instructions on the screen.
- If you have me for ELA periods 6-7:
 - Go to the website www.remind.com/join
 - Enter the class code [@ela6nelson](#) and follow the instructions on the screen.