

# 6th Grade ELA, 2022-2023

## Mr. Hammond, Beechwood Elementary

### Teacher Contact Information:

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- Class Website: Google Classroom Code
  - Period 2/3 (ua63yj2)
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### Course Description:

Students will focus on following major units of study throughout the year, Reading, Writing, Speaking/Listening, Vocabulary, and Grammar. In Reading we will focus on whole class novels, literary elements: focus on character, conflict, theme, point of view, and figurative language with a focus on imagery. In writing students will learn to write 4 types of essays including, Narrative with a focus on characterization, conflict, theme (character growth), point of view, dialogue, and imagery. Informative writing will focus on research techniques, paraphrasing, summarizing, and citing sources. Argument writing will focus on thesis statement/claim, providing supportive evidence, and organization. Lastly, Creative Writing will allow the students to express themselves with all previous techniques mentioned above. In the ELA essentials part of our class we will focus on vocabulary, learning multisyllabic words, Greek & Latin roots/affixes, and spelling using roots/affixes. We will also practice grammar, reviewing parts of speech, sentence structure, and standards focus on pronouns.

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## Class Expectations

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### Student Responsibilities:

1. Arrive to class on time and ready to learn.
2. Have all necessary tools and materials.
3. Be respectful toward others.
4. Follow directions and pay attention.
5. Be an active participant in class.

### Materials & Resources:

- Charged iPad: Students are responsible for charging their device each night or getting a charging bank before class.
- Student planner: Students are required to record all assignments and due dates in their student planner. Homework and class agendas are consistently displayed on classroom boards.
- 5 subject notebook: Students will take notes, write rough drafts, and complete class assignments on this.
- Student selected reading: Students will have to read daily and need to bring their outside reading book with them everyday for independent reading time.
- Headphones/earbuds: We will use our Ipads frequently and some activities will require students to listen/watch videos.

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## Assessments and Grading

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### Proof of Learning:

<b>Reading</b> (Reading responses, book reports, book logs)	30% of overall grade
<b>Writing</b> (Rough drafts, Final Essays, Peer Review responses)	30% of overall grade
<b>Assessments</b> (Tests and quizzes)	20% of overall grade
<b>Listening/Speaking</b> (Oral Reports, Poetry reading)	10% of overall grade
<b>IB</b> (International Baccalaureate)	10% of overall grade
<b>Grading Scale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 100% - 90% = A</li><li>● 89% - 80% = B</li><li>● 79% - 70% = C</li><li>● 69% - 60% = D</li><li>● 59% - 0% = F</li></ul>

**Citizenship Grade:** Citizenship grades will be based on participation, effort and behavior. Students will earn an “Outstanding” mark by demonstrating academic honesty, meaningful participation in classroom discourse, and by adhering to the Expectation and Citizenship link on the 6th Grade Blackboard Website.

**Citizenship grade will be negatively impacted if a student chooses to disregard student responsibilities.**

### Grading Exceptions:

- **Homework:** Homework will mainly be turned in on google classroom at 11:59 P.M. If a homework assignment is due in class it must be ready to turn in when students arrive to class. Homework will be checked for completion and effort.

- **Absent Work:** Absent work is work that was not turned in due to an absence before or on the day of the assignment deadline. THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE for finding out what work they missed. Upon returning to class, students should ask the teacher about make-up work during tutorial, at lunch, or after school. Students can also check the daily agenda to see what happened in class and/or check Google Classroom to see missed assignments, but they should still discuss the missing work with the teacher for further verification. All absent work is due within a week of the student's return or it will become late work.
- **Late Work:** Late work is work that was not turned in on time even though the student was present in class when it was due. Late assignments will be accepted within two weeks of the original due date with a 70% max credit given.
- **Extra Credit:** Extra credit is not generally offered. If it is offered, it will be available to all students. **Please do not ask for extra credit.** Students are encouraged to work hard on all assignments and assessments the first time around to prevent the need for extra credit.

*Students can reach out to the teacher at any time if they have an unforeseen circumstance which they believe excludes them from the grading exception guidelines above.*

#### Google Classroom:

- Students can access assignments, quizzes, and class announcements on Google Classroom
- Google Classroom should be checked regularly to see if any changes have been made to assignments, test dates, materials needed for class or information regarding the class.

#### Powerschool:

- Students can check powerschool for updated grades on all assignments.
- I try my best to update Powerschool every Friday.
- Please allow extra time for longer assignments to be graded (essays, projects, etc).

#### Technology Use:

Technology can enhance the learning experience of all students and we are fortunate enough to have access to iPads. Students should only utilize technology only for educational purposes and with the instruction of the teacher. When iPads are not being used for class activities, screens should be off and iPads should be placed down or stored away. We expect that students are responsible for the care of school devices.

#### Academic Dishonesty Policy:

- Dishonesty, cheating, forgery, or plagiarism involves an attempt by a student to show a level of knowledge or skill which does not reflect his/her own learning.
  - This includes sharing assignments of any kind, copying and pasting the work of others, taking screenshots, sharing one's work in Google Drive
- Assignments must reflect a student's own ideas and understanding of the content.
- Students that are caught violating this academic honesty policy will earn a zero on the assignment, a lowered citizenship grade, and a digital referral. Students will also be subject to school-wide disciplinary consequences

Please contact me via email if you have any questions or concerns.

-Mr. Hammond

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