

Welcome to 6th Grade

2015-2016 English Language Arts Syllabus

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Read Daily!

C O N Y E R S M I D D L E S C H O O L

WHAT WILL I NEED EVERYDAY?

- Pencils, paper, pens, colored pencils/crayons/markers, and a pencil sharpener
 - Your spiral notebook (Interactive notebook)
- An open mind, the willingness to work hard, and the desire to succeed

Keeping In Contact

Parents/guardians are encouraged to use these tools to stay up-to-date with their child's progress and to speak with teachers whenever they have a question or concern. During your child's transition into middle school, it is very important to keep in contact with all of your child's teachers and remain aware of his/her progress. It is through working together that we can provide the best support for each child. Please provide all teachers with updated contact information. Teachers at CMS also provide valuable information through their websites, such as homework and project assignments.

*e-mail is preferred

Supplies

- 1 3" binder
- Several pencils
- 2 red Spiral notebooks (70 pages each)
- Colored/pencils/crayons/markers
- 1 Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- Loose leaf paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Wish List
- Ream of Paper
- Paper towels
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Pack of colored paper



Assessment of Student Progress

Major tests and/or projects will be given throughout the semester, usually once per unit. Classwork is assigned daily, quizzes are given regularly, and benchmarks are given once each nine weeks to monitor student progress. Students should keep track of homework and other due dates in their school agendas. If your child does not have written homework, he or she should study class notes.

Homework/ Class work Policy

Students will be issued homework Monday through Thursday, and parents are strongly encouraged to review his/her child's homework nightly for at least 30 minutes. All homework is due every Friday. Homework, while not weighted, will be incorporated in the student's quiz and class work grades, and will have a significant impact on the student's overall grade. If your child does not have written homework, he or she should study class notes.

Class work will be issued accordingly and will be due in class.

Make Up/Late Work Policy

If a student misses school for an excused absence, the student has the same number of days missed to receive and turn in all work. For example, if a student was absent for two days, that student has two days (including their first day back) to complete the work. Any assignment given before the student was absent is due on the original due date or when the student returns. It is the responsibility of the student to ask for and obtain all missed assignments. Students who are not absent must turn in all work on time. All work is due on the assigned day. Late work may be accepted, however, the student may not receive the full credit for the assignment, unless the work is late due to an absence.

Warning!!! Any students caught copying assignments from other allowing other students to copy their assignments will receive zeroes on those assignments.

The Goal of ELA

The goal is for all students to become avid readers and confident writers in a nurturing environment that is interactive and dynamic. A place where students can respectfully share their ideas and their writing. This requires a daily commitment from each of us—having perfect attendance, arriving with all supplies and completed homework assignments, engaging in class discussions, taking risks with assignments to go beyond what you have always done, and accepting responsibility for your own learning and growth.

Class Rules

I expect each student to follow the rules accordingly.

1. Respect all adults, peers and their belongings
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak or to leave your seat.
3. Come to class on time and with all materials.
4. No food, candy or gum allowed in the classroom. *
5. Always exercise self-control.
6. No grooming

*unless given or approved by teacher.



Consequences

If rules aren't followed, these consequences will be given

1. Warning
2. Silent Lunch
3. Silent Lunch and parent phone call
4. Referral and parent phone call

Tardy Policy

1st tardy: Warning

2nd tardy: Lunch Detention / Silent Lunch (Parent phone call)

3rd tardy: Morning/After school Detention (45 min)

4th tardy: Office Referral

Online Textbook

www.pearsonrealize.com

username:rockdalestudent

password:ROckdal3 (use a zero as an "o" and a three as an "e")



Please Bring all Supplies Daily!

6th Grade Curriculum

Reading:

- Literary Analysis
- Informational Texts
- Vocabulary
- Students will read one book per month and pass an AR test with a score of 80 or higher on that book.

Writing:

- Ideas
- Organization
- Grammar & Conventions
- Style
- Genre Expectations
- Research Skills

Listening and Speaking

- Comprehension
- Public Speaking / Presentations
- Analysis & Evaluation of Media

** This list is not all inclusive, it only lists the main topics.

Thank you,

6th Grade ELA Teachers

Parent Signature _____