

English Language Arts Syllabus

Sixth Grade

Ms. Post
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Texts Used:

Four novels will be used with the Common Core State Standards for ELA.
Bud Not Buddy, Jason's Gold, Ella Enchanted, and The Cay.

Course Goals:

Students will review and develop skills focusing on CAPS District Goals and ELA Common Core State Standards. Students will be expected to read texts of their own choosing as well as teacher selected texts as part of their ELA goals. Students are also required to take two reading counts quizzes each marking period on teacher approved texts that have not previously been read.

Student Materials Needed:

All students should come to class prepared to learn with their computer, an independent reading book, sharpened pencils, ELA folder, writing journal, and a positive attitude. Other materials may be needed throughout the year.

Grading:

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 of tests, quizzes, homework, and classroom assignments. Grades will measure achievement of common core state standards. 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.

Middle School Grading Scale:

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

Classwork and Homework Expectations:

Students are expected to be prepared and to have work completed. Daily class 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 Zeros Aren't Permitted (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 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 properly.

Communication:

The class weebly website will be updated on a continual basis. It can be found by going to www.mspostela.weebly.com . If a situation occurs where you need to be contacted personally your phone number or email the school has on file will be used. Ms. Post may also be reached at 616-997-3441 or by email at kpost@capsk12.org.

Classroom Expectations:

In class students will be expected to be on time and prepared, be respectful to themselves and others, and to follow directions. The Coopersville Middle School Handbook will be enforced.

Scholastic Reading Book Orders:

Scholastic Book Orders will be passed out monthly and parents may also order online at www.scholastic.com by using our classroom code G Q 9 8 Z and all online orders will be delivered to the students here at the middle school and distributed in ELA class.

Other Information:

In ELA, the grade level novels will remain in the classroom unless on an occasion a student needs to make up a reading for an absence or to continue classwork at home. If a homework assignment requires a text, it will be provided for them on Google Classroom or a novel to take home for the evening and return to class the next day. In class we use three main website/online tools: Weebly, Google Classroom, and Moodle, see below for more information:

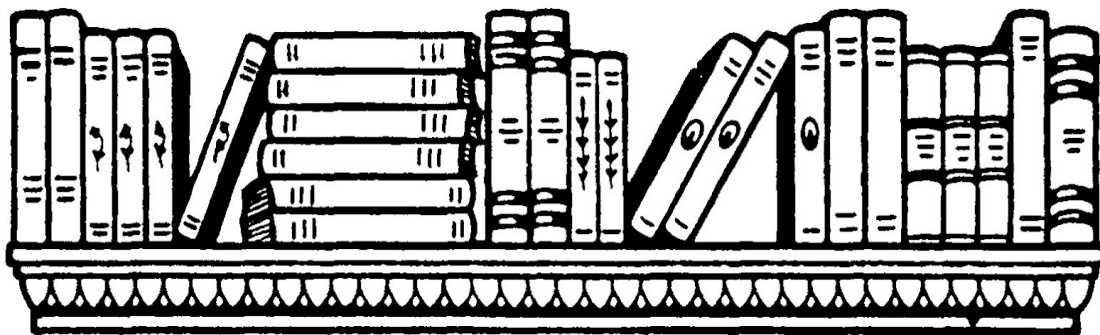
Moodle: Access to Vocabulary Work, Main Assessments – Student Login Required

Google Classroom: Comprehension Focus Questions, Quick Writes, Classroom Reading Excerpts – Student Login Required. All work is time stamped and submitted to Ms. Post electronically.

Weebly: General Classroom Information - Ms. Post's website, access to classroom information and weekly outlines, syllabus, and other information – No Login Required, Open Access

Classroom Donations:

A donation box of Kleenex, hand sanitizer, pencils, and colored pencils are always welcome.



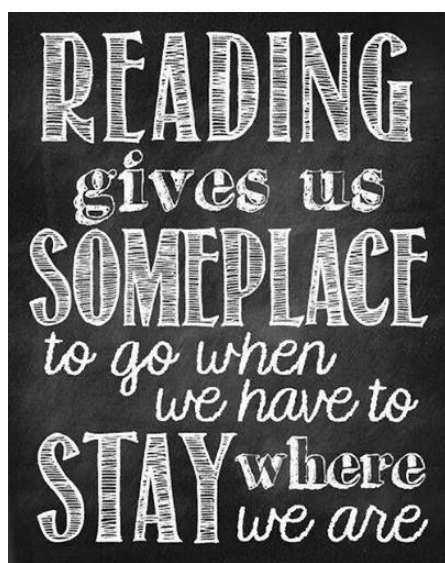
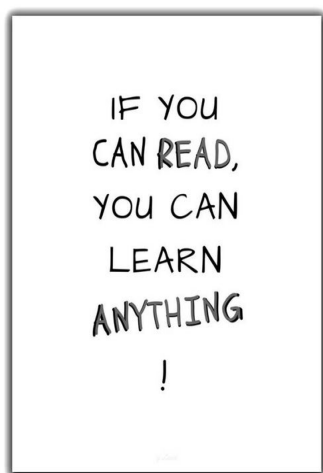
Please keep the first page of the syllabus at home for reference and sign, date, and return the bottom part of this page stating that you have read and understand the class syllabus. I look forward to a year of reading adventures and continual growth for each individual! It's going to be a fantastic year!

Welcome to Our Class!
Ms. Post

I have read and understand the ELA 6th Grade syllabus for Ms. Post:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Reading is our thing!
-Dr. Seuss

It's not
HOARDING
if it's
BOOKS