

Topics Covered

- UNIT 1: FICTION AND NONFICTION
- UNIT 2: SHORT STORIES
- UNIT 3: TYPES OF NONFICTION
- UNIT 4: POETRY
- UNIT 5: DRAMA
- UNIT 6: THEMES IN FOLK LITERATURE
- WRITING: PERSONAL, EXPOSITORY, NARRATIVE, DESCRIPTIVE, PERSUASIVE, POETRY, PLAYS
- VOCABULARY AND CONVENTIONS: MEANINGS, GRAMMAR, USAGE

Class Rules & EXPECTATIONS

- Be respectful.
- Be ready for class.
- Be responsible.
- Be reliable.
- Be a role model.

Communication

1. Powerschool.com

PowerSchool will be my primary source of communication. You can view grades, upcoming assignments, and missing work. Please contact me if you cannot access PowerSchool.

2. Student planners

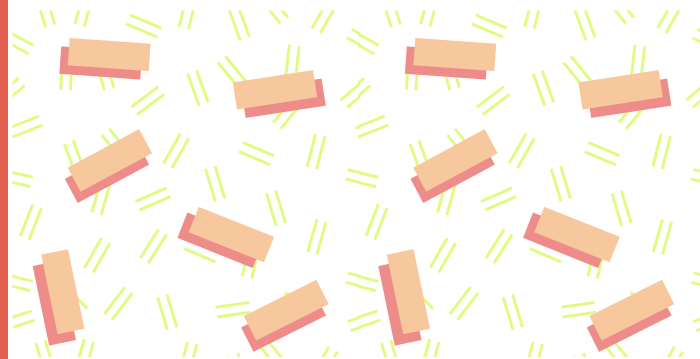
Students are responsible for writing down their homework or upcoming projects in class each day.

3. Email

I respond to email regularly (within 2 business days). If, however, you'd like to make an in-person appointment or set up a time to talk on the phone, please email me to arrange a time.

Quarterly Project Expectations

- Students will be working on a variety of projects such as novel studies, papers, and various presentations. Please be sure to think critically, try your best, and manage your time wisely.
- You will be informed of large projects through PowerSchool. They will be accompanied with handouts or detailed instructions. These instructions can either be found on PowerSchool and/or my website.
- **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.** Plagiarized work will result in consequences outlined in the student handbook. For more information on plagiarism, please read more about it here: <http://www.plagiarism.org/plagiarism-101/what-is-plagiarism/>



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6TH GRADE ELA



Materials Needed

- One 2-inch, 3-ring binder for ELA (this will stay in the classroom)
- 5 divider tabs
- 1 ELA folder (three-hole punched)
- 1 pack of loose-leaf paper for ELA binder
- Pencils and erasers
- Highlighters
- Colored pens
- Be sure you have your agenda every day!

Students will practice annotating a text this year, so 1-2 books will need to be purchased. Titles will be given at a later date.



Goal

Students will explore a wide range of texts in order to practice and apply reading and comprehension strategies. Texts will include a variety of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama literature. Students will read for literary experience, to gain information, and to perform a task. Students will write to express themselves, ideas, and information. They will use a variety of strategies and the writing process to compose different genres of literature. Students will become proficient in listening, speaking, and using media and technology. Students will improve understanding of how to use the English language in oral and written presentations.

Objectives

- Explore a wide range of texts
- Practice comprehension strategies
- Allow students to think critically and creatively about the text
- Expand vocabulary through reading, discussion, and writing
- Use correct grammar and language in oral and written projects

Texts

- Prentice Hall Literature Grade 6
- Wordly Wise Book 6



We will also read a few novels this school year. More information will be provided soon!

Important Websites

Class website:
MrsFinchELA.weebly.com

School Website:
tmsacademy.org

PowerSchool:
tmsacademy.powerschool.com/public/

Study Island:
StudyIsland.com

Access textbook's resources:
pearsonsuccessnet.com

Tutoring

Tutoring will be scheduled by teacher-request only.



ELA STEM Integration

This year we will be integrating the 4 C's in ELA: critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

Grading Information

Methods of Evaluation:	Grading Scale:
Tests, Essays: 50%	A 90 - 100
Quizzes: 25%	B 80 - 89
Projects, Homework: 15%	C 70 - 79
Classwork: 10%	D 60 - 69

Late Work Policy

Students are required to turn their work in on time. Please note that students will receive a grade reduction from their assignment if it is turned in late.

Absent Work Policy

When students are absent, it is their responsibility to retrieve missed assignments, turn in their work, and schedule a time to make up missed tests/quizzes. Students have one day for each day absent to complete make-up work. If a student is missing school for a reason other than illness/injury, please notify the teacher in advance.

