

6th Grade Reading and Writing Curriculum

Activities

1. Writing Journals

The students will write on a variety of topics in their Writing Journal. The Writing Journal topics include creative writing, non-fiction, reflection, and current events. The students will have the opportunity to share their own experiences, perspectives, and imagination in a fun and relaxed manner. The key is to practice writing on a regular basis.

2. Journeys: Spelling, Grammar, and Reading comprehension

We will cover the district's Journeys curriculum. In addition, we will supplement the curriculum with a wide range of activities. The bulk of Language Arts homework will be in the Journeys: Reader's Notebook. Students should never tear pages out of the Reader's Notebook.

The students will have Spelling pre-quizzes on Monday and final quizzes on Thursdays. We will provide multiple spelling activities and quiz options, based on each student's individual skills.

3. Class Novels and Reading Groups

During the course of the year the teachers will read novels to the class and lead class discussion. The students are required to take notes in their novel packets and they will have quizzes and a test on each novel. We will cover a wide range of genres, topics, and lead characters. Tentative novels: The Giver, And Then There Were None, The Great Gilly Hopkins, Banner in the Sky, and The Samurai's Tale.

The students will regularly meet in small groups to read and discuss a variety of topics.

4. Projects

The students will work on a wide range of long-term projects during the year.

1 st Quarter	Creative Book Reports	2 nd Quarter	Super Hero Stories
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3 rd Quarter	Biography Project	4 th Quarter	Kids2College
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High-achieving students will be invited to complete alternative cross-curricular projects.

The students will have ample class time to work on their projects; however, they should always share their work with their parents or guardians. Major writing activities will usually be completed in Google Docs and the students will publish their work on their personal websites.

5. Other Activities

The students will have opportunities to participate in a diverse range of other activities during the year. A few examples include personal timelines, team debates, cultural investigation, speeches, dream bedroom, poetry, and creative stories about animals and planets.