

6th Grade ELA Seminar Class Syllabus: 60 Day Rotation

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Course Description:

The 6th Grade ELA Seminar Class will have these units of study:

Study Skills, Creative Writing, and Project Based Learning.

The Study Skills Unit is designed to help students learn a variety of skills that will help make them successful students during Middle School. Students will learn goal-setting skills, study skills, note-taking skills, test taking strategies, how to stay organized, and how to manage their time that will help them become successful students during their time at the middle school. The class will provide many opportunities for academic skill-building and a time for sharing and relating to peers on a social level. Students will enhance their self-concept through increased personal responsibility.

The Creative Writing Unit is designed so that students will have a chance to write creatively about many different topics. The purpose of the creative writing unit is to see if the students are applying the skills that they are learning about in their core classes to their writing. We will use Novel Engineering and childrens' books, as well as, short stories in my class as another tool to write creatively and to apply our knowledge of the stories to our writing.

The Project-Based Learning Unit will help students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge. During the Project Based Learning Unit, students will work in the Makerspace lab in the library and learn how to apply critical thinking skills through Art. Students will be required to do a project based learning assignment which will include students doing research, writing, and presenting their findings to the class.

Grading:

Students will receive a grade for this course. Grades will be based upon tests, quizzes, homework assignments, class work, and projects. Please refer to the School District Grading Policy in the Student Handbook and check Schoology for grade updates.

Class Materials:

Students will need a folder for this class to help students stay organized. Students need to come to class every day with a pencil, agenda book, and any classwork/homework that is needed.

Class Procedures:

Students are required to follow the SMART expectations in my classroom. Students are also required to come to class on time, be prepared for class, and to follow school and class rules.