6th Grade Honors ELA

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**Course Description**

The purpose of this class is to provide a rigorous course for those sixth grade students who have demonstrated in previous years that they are ready for a challenging opportunity of expanded reading, writing, and communication. There will be an expectation in quality rather than quantity. The content for this course will emphasize skill development in writing, vocabulary, oral communication, literature, critical thinking, research, and technology use. Students will apply the writing process and write toward specific audiences and purposes. Students will develop a vocabulary that reflects more complex and sophisticated thinking. Students will analyze various literary genres to identify theme and literary elements, recognize character motivation, and determine author’s purpose and style. Students will participate in formal and informal oral presentations.

**Materials**

* 1 composition notebook (please no spirals) **Extra Materials**
* Pencil Kleenex
* Independent reading novel Colored highlighters
* 1 inch notebook for this class only
* 5 dividers
* Post it notes

When a student does not have these materials, they are unable to fully engage in the prepared educational experience and they may not earn their full points for the day.

**Textbook**

* Prentice Hall Literature
* Prentice Hall Writing Coach
* Prentice Hall Grammar Handbook

**Course Grading**

Grades for the class include: Grading Scale:

Essays 93%-100% = A 73%- 77% = C

Speeches 90%-92% = A- 70%-72% = C-

Comprehension 88%-89%= B+ 68%- 69% = D+

Critical thinking 83%- 87% = B 60%-67% = D

80%- 82% = B- Below 59%= F

78%-79% = C+

**Homework**

Homework, including daily work is expected to be completed on time according to the assigned due date. Any questions should be asked before a due date arrives.

**Missing and Late Work**

Late and missing work interferes with learning for both the student and the class. Late work will only be accepted at teacher’s discretion and in cases where learning would be enhanced. Late and missing work may result in being assigned to homework room after school and or Lunch Bunch. Late and missing work will be represented in the grade book as follows:

* + Missing work 0%
  + Incomplete work 50%

**Cheating**

If a student is found cheating I will strictly follow the school policy. The student will receive a zero for the assignment, quiz, or test and it will result in a “Step 4.”

**Classroom Expectations**

* Show Respect
* Make Good Decisions
* Solve your Problems

Students who do not follow the classroom expectations may not earn their full points according to the Make Your Day Policy or may be subject to be placed in Steps. See DHMS student planner for the Make Your Day Philosophy.

**Parent Involvement:**

* Student Planners- Check your child’s assignments through their planner- in class we fill out the planner at the end of the period, so assignments will be reflected in the “Success Begins in You”
* Power School- I will update the power school grade book weekly on the internet. If you have access to the internet please check your child’s assignments
* Help your child be prepared by having them get proper sleep and keep their materials organized in their binder
* Please check my classroom website [**http://schauble.weebly.com/**](http://schauble.weebly.com/) to see assignments and projects we are working on in class
* I also have a Remind101 account for parents and students. I will occasionally send out messages via text messages on a fake number to remind subscribers due dates. Please email or check my classroom page for further information.

**I look forward to working with you and your child in making this a successful school year.**

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**I have read the classroom expectations.**

**Student’s signature:**

**Parent/Guardian Printed Name:**

***Preferred method to contact parent/guardian (check as many as appropriate):***

**Email Address (Please print clearly):**

**PHONE:**

**Home Phone: Best time:**

**Cell Phone: Best time:**

**Work Phone: Best time:**