

# Middle School English

## 6th Grade

M 12:30-1:30  
T, W, TH 1:30-2:30  
F 11-12

## 7/8 Grade

M, T, W, Th 11-12  
F 12:30-1:30

## General Information:

1. Bring your notebook, current novel/story to class. You will also need a pen/pencil and probably a glue stick and scissors.
2. Seventh and eighth graders will usually sit at tables in class. Sixth graders will usually sit in the community meeting area during class. Sometimes we go to the media center or outside. Sometimes we will use laptops.
3. Each day you need to be prepared for grammar, literature, and composition class discussions. You will lose participation credit if you come to class unprepared.
4. You will take notes during class. Notes may be written on the board or generated during class discussions. If you have purchased a novel you may also take notes in it as you read, or as we discuss it.
5. You will have a quiz after every reading assignment. At the end of each literature unit, seventh and eighth graders will take a test and compose a literary essay.
6. You may use an E-Reader for your reading assignments, but you are responsible for its upkeep. Also, if you choose to listen to the reading assignment, that is fine, but you need to follow along with the print version as well. You may not use a phone as an e-reader.
7. There will be a grade reduction for late assignments. If you have special circumstances, please discuss this with Ms. Susan as soon as possible.

## Literature/Composition Grading:

### 1st and 3rd Quarters

20% Class work and Participation  
30% Assignments  
40% Assessments\*

### 2nd and 4th Quarters

20% Class work and Participation  
30% Assignments  
40% Assessments\*

\*Unit tests in literature will be counted twice. This includes the essay. Quizzes and some final writing assignments will count once. However, large writing projects will count twice.

## **Grammar**

You will have a grammar assignment each week. At the end of each grammar unit there will be a quiz. Grammar assignments will be due on Friday morning. Students will keep a grammar notebook that they will use for all three years at Millhopper Montessori School.

### **Grading:**

40% Assignments  
50% Quizzes  
10% Participation

## **Vocabulary**

You will have daily vocabulary assignments that are checked at the beginning of the school day before community meeting. For each vocabulary unit, there will be a synonyms quiz and spelling test. After every three vocabulary units, there is a unit test covering all three units.

### **Grading:**

15% Assignments  
15% Spelling Tests  
30% Synonym Quizzes  
40% Unit Tests

\*Ms. Susan is usually available during Study Hall daily until 4:30 to help with any assignments.

## **Report Cards**

All of the language arts classes are combined into one grade on student report cards. Each class is a percentage of your final language arts grade.

Literature/Composition 60%  
Grammar 20%  
Vocabulary 20%

\*Ms. Susan can help you determine what your grade will be on the report card.