

6th Grade English

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What are we studying?

We will focus on three main writing styles: informational, argumentative, and narrative. We will focus on non-fiction texts and grammar usage. All of our classwork will be rooted in the Utah Common Core. We will cover writing, reading, discussion, and critical thinking.

Where are my assignments?

All assignments may be completed online using Canvas. If a student misses a day, they will be able to find their missing assignments online. Some in-class activities and assignments may be done on paper, such as journal entries, but there will always be an online option for those who need it (typed journal entries, uploaded worksheets, etc.).

How should I act?

Follow the class rules (speak kindly of others and respect the physical/emotional space of others). Expect that your failure to complete assignments or activities will affect your grade.

What should I bring?

Students should always bring a pen/pencil and a notebook to class. You can bring a water bottle to class, but no other food or drinks.

Can I rework assignments or turn them in late?

Each student has the chance to create work they are proud of. If a student turns in something on time, they may rework the assignment and turn it in until the end of the grading period. Work from missed days will be on Canvas.

How do I contact you?

Please contact me whenever you have questions (allie.randall@nebo.edu). Drop by before or after school. If you need to chat, I'll always have time.

What books are you assigning this year?

The Giver: The Graphic Novel by Lois Lowry. This graphic novel adaptation of Lois Lowry's *The Giver* by illustrator P. Craig Russell tells the story of 12-year-old Jonas, who lives in a community of unquestioning conformity and learns to give his neighbors a share of the pain and genuine happiness that can be experienced by humankind. (Summary from Common Sense Media.)

Woodson by Gary Paulsen. Gary Paulsen tells the story of his intimate relationship with Minnesota's north woods and the dog team he trained for the Iditarod dogsled race across Alaska. For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. (Summary from Scholastic.)

What kind of books do you have in your classroom library?

Classroom libraries play a key role in providing access to books and promoting reading achievement and motivation. Furthermore, when students possess the skills necessary to access, select, use, and effectively evaluate their reading materials, their ability to become engaged members of their communities and productive citizens is enhanced.

Our classroom library is stocked with a wide variety of materials for various interests and levels. Please be advised that I have not read every book in our classroom library and know that no book is right for every student. I invite parents to work with their students to find books that are appropriate and engaging.

If you have any questions or concerns about what books your student is reading from the classroom library, please contact me.