



Welcome to 6th Grade Literature with Ms. Grady

Expectations:

- ❖ Students will be expected to maintain a binder, which will include story notes, graphic organizers, vocabulary, independent reading charts, worksheets, story elements, tests, quizzes, etc. Binder checks will be done throughout the trimester and points will be given, which will count toward final grade.
- ❖ Students are expected to bring all necessary materials to class.
- ❖ Homework must be completed on time. This includes assigned reading for the evening. Late work, submitted by the next day will receive ½ credit. After this time period, a zero will be issued for the assignment.
- ❖ Students will be learning how to work successfully in cooperative learning groups using a variety of learning strategies.
- ❖ Students are required to have all necessary materials.
- ❖ Students are to be reading a minimum of twenty minutes each day.

Required Classroom Award Winning Novels”

- Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt
- The Watson's Go To Birmingham, 1963, by Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Upstairs Room, Johanna Reiss
- Rebecca Caudill 2010 Selections (Independent reading and literature circles)

Independent Reading:

- Please set aside a twenty minute evening reading time. (daily)
- Students need to complete four independent reading selections per trimester.
- Students will be awarded points per day for this twenty minute reading session, upon passing a Scholastic Reading book selection test (when available), or completing a reading journal. (Maximum 50 points per title.) As with all assignments, late work receives ½ credit.
- Students must complete books and be prepared to test no later than the designated dates. * Most 400 or more page books count as two selections (always check first with me), in this case, the student should see me for any necessary date adjustments. See trimester schedule. (Also in the front of your child's binder.)
- All books must be approved by me. Students must demonstrate that they actually read the book. Attempts to take tests after a movie release or misrepresenting information in a reading journal, without reading the Selection, will result in a zero.
- Audios may be used with a book, provided that the student is reading the book along with the tape or disc at the same time.

Grading:

- ✓ The trimester grade is a reflection of the total percentage of accumulated points earned by the student. Tests, quizzes, and projects will carry a significantly higher point value.
 - * Independent Reading Points: 10% of final grade
 - * Work Habit Points: 10% of final grade
 - * Daily Work & Assignment Points: 30 % of final grade
 - * Tests, Quizzes, & Extended Project Points: 50% of final grade
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- ✓ Points will be awarded for daily assignments, work habits, binders, cooperative learning activities, quizzes, tests, projects, independent reading, etc.
- ✓ 100-90 A
 - ✓ 80-89 B
 - ✓ 70- 79 C
 - ✓ 60- 69 D
 - ✓ 59-below F