

# Literature Curriculum

Ms. Kustak

## Reading:

1. The Elements of Literature textbook, Holt Rinehart Winston
  - This is an anthology of short stories, poems, and other pieces of Literature.
  - We will be focusing on different genres of reading: nonfiction, fiction, poetry, etc..
2. Independent Reading:
  - Every student is required to read at least 20 - 30 minutes per night. Plus they need to have their independent novel in each classroom everyday. There will be many occasions in the classroom that the student's will have time to silent read.
    1. Students will be required to read **FOUR independent novels each trimester** and complete an end of the book journal or quiz.
    2. **TWO** of the four books each trimester must be one of the 2010 **Rebecca Caudill Nominee** books.
3. Novel Studies:
  - Each trimester we will be completing a novel study as a class. The following are the three novels that we will cover this year.
    - Trimester 1
      - Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell
    - Trimester 2
      - The Watsons Go To Birmingham, by Christopher Paul Curtis
    - Trimester 3
      - Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli
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## Supplies

- 1" binder
- Tab dividers (we will label them in class)
- Loose leaf paper
- Note cards
- Sticky notes
- Textbook(s)
  - Elements of Literature
  - And/or current novel
- Assignment Notebook
- Pencil pouch with the following:
  - Multiple blue/black and red pens
  - Pencils and erasers
  - Highlighters
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Coloring supplies