



## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts**

### **Littleton Middle School**

***Mrs. Tracanna ~ Room 102***

Welcome to 6th English Language Arts at Littleton Middle School! In this document you will find information about curriculum, classroom policies, and expectations. Please visit my class website for up-to-date information. You will find my website by visiting the Littleton Middle School website or directly at [mrs tracanna 6th grade ela.weebly.com](https://mrs.tracanna.6th.grade.ela.weebly.com). You may sign up for Remind notifications **by texting @tra6102 to the number 81010**. By signing up for Remind you will receive announcements and reminders from me. Also, follow me on Twitter @MrsTracanna. Remind announcements and Twitter tweets are linked to the homepage of my website for your convenience. These are great ways for you to stay informed. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with your children!

### **Curriculum**

Sixth grade English Language Arts is an exciting year for students as it represents a transition from the elementary to the middle school model. The curriculum follows the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for English Language Arts. Students will be reading a variety of different genres, including award winning novels and classics, short stories, nonfiction texts, poetry, and plays. They will also be improving their research skills, and working on creative projects both individually and cooperatively.

A major focus of sixth grade ELA is writing. Throughout the year students will write narrative, expository, and argumentative writing pieces, and have an understanding of the TEAC writing process. Students will continue to use the Six Traits of Writing system that they learned in elementary school. A focus during class will be the difference between revising and editing, and the importance of the revision process.

# Classroom Policies and Expectations

## Classroom Rules:

In Room 102, we are all about *RESPECT* and *KINDNESS*. Respect and be kind to each other, our space, and ourselves at all times.

## Materials:

1. 3-ring binder with four dividers with pockets labeled: **Literature, Writing, Grammar, Vocabulary** (This binder will be shared with all subjects.)
2. Pencils, black & blue pens, and highlighters for writing and class work, and different colored pens for correcting and editing.
3. Supply of lined loose-leaf notebook paper
4. Class novel (when assigned)

## Homework Policy:

Nightly homework will not be assigned often. However, if you do not finish classwork in the time allotted or a project has been assigned, you will be expected to complete the assignment for homework.

Points are taken off for every day an assignment is late. If a student has accumulated three missing or late homework assignments, they are required to meet with me for a mandatory extra help session. Missing assignments can and should be turned in for late credit.

## Grading:

Projects/Writing Assignments/Summative Assessments: 40%

Formative Assessments: 25%

Classwork: 25%

Homework: 10%

## Extra Credit Opportunities:

Extra credit is not given in ELA. Students looking to improve their grade are able to re-do any assignments they feel do not reflect their best work. Students must discuss with me why they want to redo the assignment and the improvements they intend to make. Once approved, an agreed upon due date will be determined for the assignment.

*If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [dtracanna@littletonps.org](mailto:dtracanna@littletonps.org) or (978) 486-8938.*

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year together!

Warm regards,  
Diane Tracanna



