

L.A. Ainger Middle School
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6th Grade English Language Arts
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Greetings to my new students and parents! I am incredibly honored to be your 6th grade ELA teacher for this school year. The ELA team at L.A. Ainger is a close-knit group of teachers, who work very closely together in order to bring the same quality and structure of instruction for all grade levels. With the reintroduction of state-administered written tests this year, we will pay special attention to improving our writing skills, in addition to mastering the rigorous English Language Arts standards of our state. I hope you are looking forward to an amazing year of academic and personal growth!

In this class:

Students will be exposed to a wide variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, drama, and poetry:

- Students will read short stories and poems from the textbook, through which literary elements and comprehension strategies are taught.
- Students will also respond to stories through writing and projects.
- The study of vocabulary is incorporated into the class and opportunities for essay and creative writing are provided.
- Technology is used for the research and publishing of projects.

This course will also encompass the study of language skills and writing:

- The grammar section will continue the development of skills in grammar, usage, and mechanics.
 - Students will enhance their writing skills by developing correct sentence structure, building paragraphs, and writing.
 - Students will also research, write, and present to fellow classmates.
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Academic Assessment:

Grading will be based on a combination of the following:

- Tests
- Quizzes (including a weekly vocabulary quiz)
- Projects
- Writing
- Binder Checks
- Class participation

ELA Binder:

- Your binder will be used to keep all of your papers for ELA. Some of these papers will be a “Work in Progress” and kept for another day.
- Be sure to keep it organized and neat.
- Bring it to class everyday.

Late Work: If work is not turned in on time, a grade of zero (marked as NHI) will be temporarily entered until the work is turned in and graded. If absent, the student will need to check the “Absent?” bulletin board to look for missed work with the students name on it. Work will be located in the class period folder. Students will have one week to finish and return any missed work before the grade is finalized.