

6th Grade Language and Literature (Year 1)

COURSE SYLLABUS

6th Grade Language & Literature Staff Contact Information

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the Middle Years Programme Language and Literature curriculum. The aims of MYP Language and Literature are to encourage and enable students to: use language as a vehicle for thought, creativity, reflection, learning, self-expression, analysis and social interaction; develop the skills involved in listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and presenting in a variety of contexts; develop critical, creative and personal approaches to studying and analysing literary and non-literary texts; engage with a variety of texts, including short stories, novels, etc.; explore language through a variety of media and modes; and develop a lifelong interest in reading.

IB Middle Years Programme Objectives & Strands Language and Literature

<p>A. Analyzing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. identify and comment upon significant aspects of textsii. identify and comment upon the creator's choicesiii. justify opinions and ideas, using examples, explanations and terminologyiv. identify similarities and differences in features within and between texts.
<p>B. Organizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. employ organizational structures that serve the context and intentionii. organize opinions and ideas in a logical manneriii. use referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
<p>C. Producing Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. produce texts that demonstrate thought and imagination while exploring new perspectives and ideas arising from personal engagement with the creative processii. make stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating awareness of impact on an audienceiii. select relevant details and examples to support ideas.
<p>D. Using Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. use appropriate and varied vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expressionii. write and speak in an appropriate register and styleiii. use correct grammar, syntax and punctuationiv. spell (alphabetic languages), write (character languages) and pronounce with accuracyv. use appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

Categories & Weights

Assessments	75%
Classwork	20%
Homework	5%

Grading Scale

100% -90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69%-60%	D
59% and below	F

Family Access/Student Access:

- Grades are updated in Skyward every Friday. Parents should check online grades regularly through Family Access. If you do not have your login credentials for Family Access, please contact our Technology Department at 708-367-2930.
- Students will be trained to review their own grades and academic progress through Student Access.

Class Supplies Needed:

- Chromebook--Charged @ home daily.
- Planner
- Writing Utensil
- Language and Literature Folder
- Notebook
- Novel (issued by Language and Literature teacher)
- Headphones/earbuds (used with teacher permission for specific academic tasks)

Late/Absence Work Policy:

- It is the responsibility of the student to obtain absent work from the teacher(s). For each day that the student is absent, he or she has that amount of time plus one additional day to complete and turn in the assignment.
- Late work will be accepted at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

All students are expected to adhere to the CMMS Academic Honesty Policy. Our Academic Honesty policy was sent home during the first week of school.

If you have questions about content and or grades, please contact your child's teacher.