# 6th grade Language Arts

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## Course Description

The focus of the Language Arts program in 6th grade is to have students closely read and interact with grade-appropriate text around which instruction is centered. Students will engage in rich and rigorous conversation about text and use evidence/examples from the text to support their opinions or arguments. Students will respond to the texts they read through different types of writing. Please refer to the following web site for specific information on the Georgia Standards of Excellence in the ELA classroom.  

## Textbook/Online Access

**Springboard English Language Arts** – Grade 6  
**Replacement cost:** $82.82  
**Unit I Stories of Change**  
**Unit 2 The Power of Change**  
**Unit 3 Changing Perspectives**  
**Unit 4 The Final Act**  
All students have access to the online textbook via Clever. You can access Clever from the “Web Links” page on the 6th Grade ELA Blog.

## Grading

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*Check Synergy for updates every Monday evening.*

## Classwork/Homework Policy

- Only loose-leaf paper is allowed for all class assignments.
- All major writing assignments will be completed in class. If additional time is needed to complete these assignments, arrangements will need to be made with the teacher.
- Students should bring reading material with them to class each day.
- Students need to have a blue or black ink pen and a pencil to write with daily.
- Homework will be assigned each Monday to be turned in by Friday.
- After additional practice, re-assessment opportunities will be available for Summative assignments.
- Plagiarism is considered cheating and will result in a zero on the assignment.

## Other Information (Policies, procedures, extra help sessions, etc.)

- **State Required Testing:** Reading Inventory (RI) 3 times per year-August, January, May  
- **Georgia Milestones:** Taken in April  
- **Make-up work:** It is the student’s responsibility to meet with the teacher for any missed work whenever absent. The student will have the number of days absent plus one to complete and return any work that was missed (If student is absent three days, he/she has four days to return completed work).  
- **ELA Help Sessions:** Wednesdays 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
- The 6th Grade ELA blog is accessible through the Tapp Middle School website faculty page.