

# Stillman Middle School

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### 6TH GRADE ELAR COURSE SYLLABUS 2022-2023

**This syllabus provides important information about class policies and expectations. *You are responsible for reading it, understanding it, and following it.***

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**Room:** B105

**Conference Time:** 9:30-10:00 A.M. (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

### Conference and Email Policy:

Monday through Friday (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), there will be a 24-hour response window for emails and text messages through Remind. It will usually be *MUCH* faster, but please understand that the window is up to 24 hours.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will enrich students’ growth in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussion, reflection, and viewing. Reading strategies, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary building comprise the main elements of reading instructions. Through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry reading, students will practice reading strategies and comprehension skills. The focus of writing will be short answer responses. The overall goal of the class is to enhance the literacy and writing ability of students.

* Develop and increase reading fluency for comprehension
* Increase vocabulary knowledge and analyze a wide variety of literary terms
* To use higher order/critical thinking skills
* Respond to literature and effectively communicate through speech and writing

### Supplies Needed by ALL students: Supplies needed by 1st Period ONLY

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| 1 | Pack of #2 pencils (12 count) | 1 | Box of Kleenex |
| 1 | Red, blue, black pens (checking work) | 2 | Package of Clorox Wipes |
| 1 | Covered sharpener |  |  |
| 1 | Spiral notebook for the year |  |  |
| 1 | Plastic Pocket folder with prongs |  |  |
| 1 | Box of colored pencils (for all classes) |  |  |
| 1 | Glue stick (for all classes) |  |  |
| 1 | Package of highlighters (G, Y, P, O) |  |  |
| 2 | Package of paper |  |  |
|  | Fully charged laptop |  |  |

**Middle School Courses: Six Weeks Grades**

Major assessments such as Tests, Compositions/Essays, Projects (3) 60% of grade Daily work, homework, quizzes, A.R., Quick writes/Journals (5) 40% of grade

### Classwork/Late Work:

All class work should be complete, neat, and turned in on time.

Late work will be accepted; however, points will be deducted. Late assignments will be accepted until the end of the six-week period. Tutorial or lunch detention may be given to those students who do not turn in their assignments or continue to turn their work in late.

### Tardy Policy:

**Tardy #1-** Tardy will be documented and the student will be given a warning. **Tardy #2-4** – Students will have lunch detention, and parents will be notified. **Tardy #5** – **Office Referral.**

### Restroom Policy:

The restroom will be locked in between passing periods. ***In cases of emergencies, they will be allowed to go during independent work time,* ONE student** at a time. Students need to borrow the teacher pass in order to exit the classroom. Students are allowed 6 emergency restroom breaks per six weeks. ***They will now be allowed to go on testing days due to cheating.*** Students are expected to return **promptly** to class.

### Classroom Rules:

1. Be in your seat before the tardy bell rings.
2. Come to class prepared with required materials.
3. Respect everyone and all property.
4. Stay on task and remain focused.
5. Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged.
6. Follow the student Code of Conduct.
7. No eating in the classroom **(with the exception of 1st period breakfast)**
8. ***ALL ELECTONIC DEVICES MUST BE TUNRED OFF AND IN YOUR BACKPACK. Any cell phone left “ON” or “VISIBLE” will be turned into the office. NO EXCEPTIONS!***

### Procedures:

1. Walk in quietly and sit on assigned seat quietly.
2. Take out materials and homework.
3. Put backpack away.
4. Follow along during lessons, practices, and readings.
5. Begin working when given an assignment.
6. When finished, turn in your assignments. Then, work on unfinished or on-going writing assignments while you wait for dismissal.

### Discipline Plan:

1. 1st Offense: Warning-Redirect; Document on eSchoolPLUS **re-direction during lunch**
2. 2nd Offense: Teacher/Student Conference; Parent Notification; Document on eSchoolPLUS
3. 3rd Offense: Team ITS/Counselor Referral; Document on eSchoolPLUS
4. 4th Offense: Team/Parent Conference; Document on eSchoolPLUS
5. 5th Offense: Office Referral; Document on eSchoolPLUS

### \* Any SEVERE DISRUPTION requires immediate office referral.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**:

Personal electronic devices may be used in class for educational purposes **only** at certain times throughout the year. When electronic devices are not being used for educational purposes, they must **remain** in the student’s backpacks, **turned off at all times, and not in the student’s pockets.** Electronic devices that are not in a backpack or heard during class will be picked up and turned in to the office. Absolutely NO ONE is allowed to take pictures or record anyone at any time. **NO EXCEPTIONS. Electronic devices turned into the office must be picked up by a parent/guardian.**

### Accelerated Reader Program and Goals

* Every student will be encouraged to participate in our Accelerated Reading Program. The focus of this program is to increase fluency, enhance comprehension, and foster a love for reading. Students will be required to read 10-20 minutes Monday-Friday and complete a reading log with parent signatures.

### Textbooks and Novels In Class Novels:

* + - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
		- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott

O’Dell

* *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

### Textbook:

* My Perspective by Pearson
* ThinkUp!

### Attendance:

Prompt and regular attendance is expected. ***Students who are absent are responsible for asking the teacher for their missed work***, completing it, and turning it in within 2 days after returning. (Extended absences will be given more days accordingly.)

**Academic Dishonesty**: Students caught cheating will be given a zero. This includes plagiarism.

**Extra Credit Work:** Students will be provided opportunities for extra credit in after-school tutorials, Accelerated Reader, or completion of their planners.

### Tutorial:

Students, who are NOT performing well in class (FAILING), are expected to attend tutorials for more assistance. Failure to attend may result in failing the class OR the year. Tutorials will be held right after school for 1 hour (3:00-4:00 pm.) Dates will be given at a later time.



# RECEIPT FOR SYLLABUS 2022-2023

## STUDENT NAME: PERIOD:

**SUBJECT:** ELAR **GRADE:** 6TH **TEACHER’S NAME:** Ms. Trevino

### PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

From time to time, I may need to make contact with you (parent). I understand that there may be

certain times when we may have more time to speak regarding child’s progress. Please complete the

form below, so that I may be mindful of your time and best form of communication.

***PRINT LEGIBLY***

Cell Number (mother) Cell Number (father) Cell Number (Guardian) Email Address

Best time to call

Please do NOT call during these times

**Student**

The instructor has given me a copy of the course syllabus for this class. I have read the syllabus and understand the course content, grading & attendance policies, electronic device policy, and the academic dishonesty policy.

STUDENT’S NAME (Print): DATE:

## By signing below, I acknowledge, that I have read and understood what is expected of my child in their ELAR class.

## Parent

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood what is expected of my child in their English Language Arts & Reading Class. I also understand that communication with my child will be made through the Remind App regarding school work.

PARENT’S NAME:

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return to your teacher.**